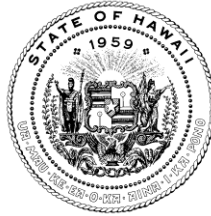


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GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
LAURA H. THIELEN
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committees on
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY
and
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Friday, February 19, 2010
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2646
RELATING TO HAWAII SURFING RESERVES**

Senate Bill 2646 designates Waikiki and certain areas of the North Shore of Oahu as Hawaii surfing reserves. The bill requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to assist the surfing community or other private organizations in placing appropriate signs or markers to identify the respective surfing reserves and provide for federal, state, and county collaboration in nourishing and protecting Hawaii surfing reserves. The Department has no opposition to the concept of surfing reserves and understands the value. However, the Department wants to make it clear that there are no funds or ability for the Department to provide administrative support for the community groups and organizations seeking to provide signage and interpretive information regarding these places.

LAURA H. THIELEN
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THE LEADING EDGE OF COASTAL ACTIVISM

January 28, 2010

Legislature of the State of Hawaii
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE:SB2487 Hawaii Surfing Preservation Reserves—SUPPORT
Meeting: February 19, 2010 1:15pm**

Dear Honorable State Legislators;

Surfers' Environmental Alliance (SEA) hereby strongly states our support to the establishment of Hawaii Surfing Reserves. Therefore, we urge all members of the Hawaiian State Legislature to actively support an amendment of SECTION 2, Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes by adding a new section to be appropriately designated. By acting to proactively designate and preserve many of Oahu's outstanding waves, surf zones and their surrounding environments you will recognize the positive environmental, social, cultural and economic benefits of waves, and Hawaii's action will serve as a global model for preserving wave breaks and their surrounding areas.

As a preliminary matter, Surfers' Environmental Alliance (SEA) is committed to the preservation and protection of the environmental and cultural elements that are inherent to the sport of surfing. Our goals are achieved through grassroots activism, community involvement, education and humanitarian efforts. We engage in projects that strive to conserve the quality of our marine environment, preserve or enhance surf breaks, protect beach access rights, and safeguard the coastal surf zone from unnecessary development.

In these times of ongoing development threats to existing surf breaks around the globe, we deeply appreciate the Hawaiian Legislature's interest in and attention to this matter. It is vitally important for public bodies to demonstrate leadership in coastal preservation. SEA understands the proposed legislation will establish two surfing reserves: The Waikiki Hawaii Surfing Reserve; and the North Shore Hawaii Surfing Reserve, and that each Hawaii Surfing Reserve shall extend from the high water mark and include all surf breaks within the defined reserve.

A Hawaii Surfing Reserve designation for these two sites will undoubtedly serve to increase worldwide interest in the State of Hawaii as a proactive leader in environmental

stewardship. By thus formally recognizing the long and close relationship between surfers and the ocean and by promoting the long term preservation of these irreplaceable sites for recreation and competitive surfing, you will stand as a public model for other states and also for independent governments around the world.

SEA has been pleased to see increased and active progress in designating Surfing Reserves along many coasts. Australia has designated several areas as surfing reserves, New Zealand has considered taking similar action, and just recently the California Coastal Commission voted unanimously for a resolution to support the creation of Surfing Reserves to protect the coastal environment.

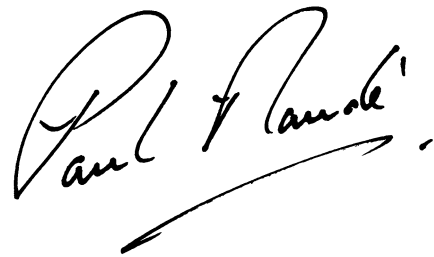
We see the interest in establishing Surfing Reserves as a very positive development in coastal preservation, and we look forward to congratulating Hawaii for its forward-looking action.

If we may be of assistance in this matter, please contact us.

For the sea and surf,

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Andrew Mencinsky, Executive Director
Surfers' Environmental Alliance

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Paul Naude, President
Billabong

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To: EDTTestimony
Subject: RELATING TO HAWAII SURFING RESERVES.

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Hawaii Surfing Reserve Bill

DATE: Friday, February 19, 2010
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 016

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

RELATING TO HAWAII SURFING RESERVES.

Designates Waikiki and certain area of the north shore of Oahu as Hawaii surfing reserves.

I, Art Brewer cannot stress enough how important it is to preserve the North Shore, Waikiki and surrounding areas as Hawaii surfing reserves. I have been a surf photographer for over 40 years. I spent many winters in the 60's and 70's on the North Shore. Surfing is more mainstream now then ever before. It is literally a billion dollar industry.

The waves of the North Shore are just as important to Surfing as a field is to football, baseball or basketball. The only difference is that "a field" can be erected in the most convenient place for all parties involved.

True surfers travel the world looking for that perfect wave with the perfect break. What do you think would happen to this billion dollar industry if you removed their best playing fields. There are not very many things in life that rely solely on conditions or

nature to be successful. Global warming will eventually ruin the slopes for skiers and snowboarders. Please do not ruin my playing field!

Art Brewer



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From: Serge Dedina [sdedina@wildcoast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 10:01 AM
To: EDTTestimony
Subject: Support 2646

Dear State of Hawaii Legislature:

Re: SB 2646 Hawaii Surfing Reserves

Time and Date: Friday, February 19 at 1:15 p.m. in Conference Room 016 at the State Capitol

WILD Coast is a conservation organization that conserves coastal and marine ecosystems and wildlife. And works specifically to protect endangered surfing areas around the world.

We enthusiastically support SB 2646. We believe that surfing reserves are an important tool for recognizing and protecting coastal and marine sites that have global ecological, historic, cultural and economic importance.

Proposed Hawaiian Surfing Reserves are among the world's most valuable surfing areas and among the most iconic surf spots in the world. They must be legally recognized and be forever preserved.

We believe that if the Surfing Reserve Concept is approved in Hawaii it will also establish a national precedent so that we may begin to implement these types of reserves in California.

On a personal note, I spent the summer with my family visiting National Surfing Reserves in Australia. They are important tourist resources in Australia.

Since Hawaii gave surfing to the world, it is only fitting that the State of Hawaii do everything possible to protect our cherished wave-riding areas.

Sincerely,

Serge Dedina, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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Lennox National Surfing Reserve Assoc.

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Seven Mile Beach to Flat Rock

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To the decision makers,

Re: [SB 2646](#) - relating to Hawaiian Surfing Reserves, specifically:

THE DESIGNATION OF WAKIKI AND CERTAIN AREAS OF THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU AS HAWAIIAN SURFING RESERVES.

The committee of the Lennox National Surfing Reserve on the North Coast of New South Wales, Australia, wholly supports the proposal to designate Wakiki and certain areas of the North Shore of Oahu Hawaiian Surfing Reserves.

Lennox National Surfing Reserve was dedicated in February 2008 due to its status as an iconic surfing coastline and being of environmental, cultural and historical significance to Australia. It has been, and still is, a melting pot of inspiration and development for modern surfing and equipment both here in Australia and the world.

Dedicating equivalent areas as Surfing Reserves is the most significant way we can acknowledge this important part of our culture. They remain there for humans and our marine friends to enjoy now and in the future; a legacy for following generations, just as we have done with our National Parks.

Surfing Reserves in Australia would never have come into existence if not for the influence of the ancient Hawaiian art of surf-riding. Our reserves developed this status, and significance; indeed their very existence, as a result of the spiritual home of surfing. Hawaii is **THE** most significant place for surfing on the planet and Wakiki and the North Shore surely surpass the criteria listed above for dedication as Surfing Reserves.

It would be nothing but an outrage if these iconic areas on Oahu did not receive the same privilege, acknowledgment and status as their equivalent areas do here in Australia. Hawaii is, after all, the mother of it all.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Myers (Chairperson LNSRA)

Mike Heesom (Secretary LNSRA)



THE HAWAII SURFING RESERVE BILL | SB 2646

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2010

TESTIMONY | NATIONAL SURFING RESERVES AUSTRALIA

On behalf of National Surfing Reserves, deputy chair Prof. Andrew Short (OAM), NSR Patron Wayne 'Rabbit' Bartholomew (AM) and the surfing nation of Australia, I am very pleased to support SB 2646 before the Senate.

Like Hawaii, the island nation of Australia has a strong surfing community who share a long connection with the waves, oceans and beaches – for recreation, lifestyle and income. Hawaii is, in the eyes of the world, the birthplace of surfing and has inspired many millions of people worldwide to not only take up the sport, but deeply appreciate the coastal environment. It was Hawaii's Duke Kahanamoku, who after demonstrating surfing here in 1915, inspired this now great surfing nation.

National Surfing Reserves in Australia and similarly a Hawaii Surfing Reserve (HSR) serve to meet the needs of the public to acknowledge through a symbolic enshrinement, the integral value of the rich cultural, environmental, sporting and historical importance surfing embodies.

I am pleased to advise that in Australia the NSR program is supported by the federal and New South Wales governments. NSR form part of 'special purpose zones' and are acknowledged as such under the NSW *Crown Lands Act* (1989) with the Minister for Lands and the Minister for Tourism endorsing and promoting the NSR initiative. They join the wider community officiating at each ceremony with other parliamentary and civic colleagues. Next month, Australia enshrines its 10th National Surfing Reserve after a highly successful five year community program. Like Hawaii, Australia has also been nominated for the prestigious status of a 'World Surfing Reserve'.

We Australians join with Hawaii - extending our full support to Senator Hemming's Bill before the Senate today. We look forward to attending your Inaugural HSR Dedication Ceremony.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad Farmer', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mr Brad Farmer

Hon. Chair, National Surfing Reserves

Founder: Surfrider Foundation Australia, National Surfing Reserves & National Ocean Care Day

Vision Council, World Surfing Reserves

Perth, WA 17 February, 2010 | natsurfistes@sydney.net



INTERNATIONAL SURFING ASSOCIATION

Surfing's World Governing Authority

Recognized by the International Olympic Committee

18 February, 2010

In Support of SB 2646

We are contacting you to officially provide our support for SB 2646 Relating to Hawaii Surfing Reserves. The International Surfing Association in conjunction with Save the Waves, is deeply involved in a groundbreaking program to defend our most cherished and beloved waves and coastlines around the world for the World Surfing Reserves Program (WSR).

Hawaii, and more specifically, the beaches of Waikiki and the North Shore of Oahu, is recognized around the world as the birthplace of surfing. We strongly encourage the Hawaii Senate to take this into consideration when deciding on the future integrity of these cultural landmarks. It is our hope that the passage of this momentous bill will serve as a model for preserving wave breaks and their surrounding areas throughout the world by recognizing the positive environmental, social, cultural and economic benefits of waves.

The future protection, management, authenticity and integrity of waves and their respective surf zones is of vital importance not only to the surfing community, but to the millions of surfing fans worldwide in addition to those who enjoy nature in its most pristine state. We work with the knowledge that we do not inherit the Earth from our parents; we only borrow it from our future children. Therefore, we support any initiative towards a better surfing future.

Thank you in advance for your part in helping to proactively protect the world's premier surf zones.

Warm Regards,

Fernando Aguerre
ISA President

About the International Surfing Association:

The International Surfing Association (ISA) is recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the World Governing Authority for Surfing. It was originally founded as the International Surfing Federation in 1964 and has been running world championships since 1964 and the Junior World Championships since 1980.

ISA membership includes the surfing National Governing Bodies (NGBs) of over 50 countries on six continents. Its headquarters are located in La Jolla, California. It is presided by Fernando Aguerre, first elected in 1994 in Rio, and re-elected six times since. The ISA's four Vice Presidents are Alan Atkins (Australia), Robin de Kock (South Africa), Mike Gerard (USA) and Karin Sierralta (Peru).

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From: Timothy E. Johns [tjohns@bishopmuseum.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2010 3:05 PM
To: EDTTestimony
Cc: Sen. Fred Hemmings
Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB2646

Aloha, Committee Chairs Fukunaga and Hee, and Members of the Committees.

I am Tim Johns, President and CEO of Bishop Museum, the State Museum of Natural and Cultural History. Surfing has long been an important part of Hawaii's cultural history, and the designation of surfing reserves as called for in SB 2646 would go a long way to helping to raise awareness of that important part of our past, present and future. Surfing and our connection to the ocean has long been a critical part of what makes Hawaii unique. We respectfully ask for your support of this important measure, which does not create use limitations or restrictions but merely recognizes and celebrates our world class surf sites . Mahalo.

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From: Drew Kampion [dkampion@whidbey.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 2:48 PM
To: EDTTestimony
Cc: Sen. Fred Hemmings; c.farmer@hawaii.capitol
Subject: Testimony re SB 2646

Re: The Hawaii Surfing Reserve Bill
Scheduled to be heard **Friday, February 19 at 1:15 p.m.**
Conference Room 016 at the State Capitol

Herein: Testimony supporting the Hawaii Surfing Reserve Bill, submitted by Drew Kampion

To whom it may concern:

As a magazine editor, journalist, writer, and photographer documenting surfing in Hawaii for over 40 years, I find the proposed SB 2646 especially vital and appropriate for the State of Hawaii and its citizens, as well as for the global community of surfers who look to Hawaii as the primary origin of the sport and culture.

The importance of the Hawaiian Islands and their primary surfing venues to surfers cannot be exaggerated, and Oahu is at the apex of this cultural significance. Waikiki is the birthplace of modern surfing, the beach where its 20th-century renaissance was spawned and where the links to its ancient Polynesian roots were affirmed and first celebrated. The North Shore (often referred to among surfers as "the seven-mile miracle") is arguably the finest stretch of surfing waves on the planet and the site of many of the sport's most important competitions and celebrated "sessions" over the past five decades.

The decision to formally celebrate, dedicate, and protect these shoreline areas as Hawaiian Surfing Reserves will ensure that these perennially vital Island assets will remain among the most significant and culturally attractive aspects of Oahu. This bill will enhance Hawaiian tourism and stimulate the State's economy, while properly acknowledging the role that surfing has played in the worldwide reputation and allure of Hawaii.

In fact, I would recommend that Senator Hemmings' bill be expanded and extended to include all of the great surf areas and beaches on of all the Islands. I believe this would have a most salutary affect on the long-term financial and cultural health of the State.

Drew Kampion
Langley, Washington

Bio Note:

Drew Kampion is a former editor of SURFER (1968-72), SURFING (1973-82), WIND SURF (1982-89), and WIND TRACKS (1996-99) magazines. He was Editorial Director for the Patagonia clothing company (1990-91) and Associate Editor for NEW AGE JOURNAL (1992). He founded, published, and edited the ISLAND INDEPENDENT (1993-96), an award-winning "bioregional magazine in newsprint," serving the "maritime rainshadow" islands of Washington State. For his work with the INDEPENDENT, he received first prize for editing a periodical with a circulation under 50,000.

More recently, Kampion was the American Editor of the international periodical, THE SURFER'S PATH, world's first "green" surf magazine from 2002-2009. His episodic parody, THE TEACHINGS OF DON REDONDO: A SURFER'S WAY OF KNOWLEDGE (as illustrated by artist Tom Threinen) was a regular feature of the magazine.

Kampion is the author of THE BOOK OF WAVES (1989), THE ART OF CHRISTIAN RIESE LASSEN (1991), STOKED: A HISTORY OF SURF CULTURE (1997, revised 2003), THE WAY OF THE SURFER (2003), THE LOST COAST (2004), WAVES: FROM SURFING TO TSUNAMI (2005), DORA LIVES: THE AUTHORIZED STORY OF MIKI DORA (2005), and GREG NOLL: THE ART OF THE SURFBOARD (2007). He was also editor of THE STORMRIDER GUIDE: NORTH AMERICA (2002).

He is currently assisting Fernando Aguerre with his autobiography, SURF, SEX & SANDALS: THE LATIN ART OF MIXING BUSINESS WITH PLEASURE and has begun work on the story of Jack O'Neill, the inventor of the modern surfing wetsuit.

Life is a wave. Your attitude is your surfboard.

Stay stoked & aim for the light!

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Cc: gwboyes@earthlink.net
Subject: Testimony for SB2646 on 2/19/2010 1:15:00 PM

Testimony for EDT/WTL 2/19/2010 1:15:00 PM SB2646

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: GW Boyes
Organization: Individual
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E-mail: gwboyes@earthlink.net
Submitted on: 2/16/2010

Comments:

Dear Senators and Committee Members,
I would like to express my support for SB2646 regarding establishing Hawaii Surfing Reserves and ask you to please approve this legislation. In the future it would be great to see other reserves in Hawaii; most notably Hanalei Bay and Kauai's north shore. These are precious places which must be preserved for all generations to enjoy.
Thank you very much,
Gail Boyes

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From: Joao De Macedo [johndemacedo@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2010 12:29 PM
To: EDTTestimony
Cc: Sen. Fred Hemmings
Subject: In support of Hawaiian Surfing Reserve Bill Hearing - February 19th 2010 - Conference Room 016 State Capitol

Subject: In support of Hawaiian Surfing Reserve Bill Hearing - February 19th 2010 - Conference Room 016 State Capitol

Dear Senators and People of the State Capitol,

As you all know, legal protection through creation of reserves or parks is an important tool that connected to community support and in this case, love of surfing and surf spots will guarantee the integrity and preservation of these sacred and pristine locations for generations to come.

Please approve this Bill, which is a ceremonial recognition rather than a restrictive regulation. It does not limit the use of the area in any way, yet it is a proven tool to help surfers, ocean, beach and coastal enthusiasts enjoy and preserve these amazing natural ocean resources. Respect and admiration for these natural resources is already in place through the existing Hawaiian National Marine Sanctuaries. Hawai'i can continue to be at the forefront of ocean and coastal protection now and for generations to come by approving this Bill.

Aloha,

Joao De Macedo

World Surfing Reserves
Save The Waves Program Manager

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From: Dean LaTourrette [dean@savethewaves.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2010 12:50 PM
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Cc: Sen. Fred Hemmings
Subject: Bill #SB2646: In support of Hawaii Surfing Reserves

Dear Members of the Hawaiian Senate,

I am writing to express my support of Bill #SB2646, the Hawaii Surfing Reserves Bill, that is to be heard on Friday, February 19 at 1:15 p.m. in Conference Room 016 at the State Capitol.

Hawaii Surfing Reserves is a regional example of a growing movement around the world, to designate surfing reserves that recognize and enshrine special locations based on their environmental and cultural heritage. As a nonprofit that fights to protect and preserve surfing coastline around the world, we see surfing reserves as an important initiative to help better protect and cherish these "Yosemites of the coast," and there's no better example of this than in Hawaii, with its rich surfing heritage and environmental leadership.

Please support this bill, which will provide a dynamic tool for ocean, beach, and surfing enthusiasts to protect these amazing and precious coastal resources for all of us to enjoy.

Aloha,

--

Dean LaTourrette
Executive Director
Save The Waves Coalition
Vision Council Member, World Surfing Reserves
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From: Greg Benoit [greg.benoit@savethewaves.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2010 1:11 PM
To: EDTTestimony
Subject: Bill #SB2646: In support of Hawaii Surfing Reserves

Dear Members of the Hawaiian State Senate,

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Please support this bill that provides ocean, beach, and surfing enthusiasts a ceremonial designation that helps preserve these amazing and precious coastal resources for all of us to enjoy.

Thank you for your time, and Aloha:

Greg Benoit
Director / Founding Member / Coastal Resource Specialist
Save The Waves Coalition
greg.benoit@savethewaves.org



Thursday, February 18, 2010

Esteemed Members of the Hawaiian Senate,

Waves and surfing exists in all coastal areas, yet they are largely overlooked in coastal planning, community development, environmental awareness and political processes. The surf zone also hosts a large focus of marine flora and fauna and waves have an important economic dimension that is increasingly becoming apparent through economic studies and the growing popularity of coastal communities.

I am writing to express my support of Bill SB2646, to establish Hawaii Surfing Reserves, that is to be heard tomorrow on Friday, February 19 at 1:15 p.m. in Conference Room 016 at the State Capitol.

Hawaii Surfing Reserves is a regional example of a growing movement around the world to designate surfing reserves that recognize and enshrine special locations based on their environmental and cultural heritage. As a nonprofit that fights to protect and preserve surfing coastline around the world, our organization and our thousands of supporters see surfing reserves as an important initiative to help better protect and cherish the ocean and its inhabitants. There is no better example of this than Hawai'i, with its rich surfing heritage and environmental stewards.

Please support SB2646. Present surfers and future generations of ocean lovers everywhere will thank you.

Aloha,

Josh Berry
Environmental Director
Save The Waves Coalition
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Committee on Economic Development and Technology
Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs
SENATE BILL #2646
February 19, 2010, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

Testimony from Save Our Surf (SOS)

Dear Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair and Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair and Committee on Economic Development and Technology, and,

Dear Senator Clayton Ihee, Chair, Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair, and Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs:

The Hawaii Surfing Reserves as presently written does not cover the Recreational Surf Parameter surf sites, as it should.

Focusing on Waikiki Beach and limited North Shore venues does not recognize nor value the studies done by the University of Hawaii, of all surf sites in the Hawaiian Islands known up to 1974.

This report prepared from General Funds of the University of Hawaii, titled: Technical Report No. 30, University of Hawaii, Look Lab 73-30, Recreational Surf Parameters by James R. Walker dated February 1974.

The only way SOS can possibly entertain the idea of S.B. #2646 moving forward would be if it includes the following amendments. These amendments should include all documented surf sites which would represent all surf sites as Hawaii Surfing Reserves.

We also recommend the following amendments to the present S.B. #2646 as written be considered at this time.

Section 2. Chapter 6E, (a), line 14: the Ala Wai be changed to Kewalo Boat Harbor.

Section 2. Chapter 6E, (b) (3), line 7: the following be added after the word reserves, from man-made intrusions, but not limited to breakwaters, groins, reef dredging and reef sand filling with coral or rocks.

Section 2, Chapter 6E (b) (3), add new line, (4) Surfing Reserves shall be open for recreational surfing, fishing, limu-seaweed picking, during favorable weather conditions.

Section 2, Chapter 6E (c), line 11: add after surf boating, stand-up paddle surfing.

Section 2, Chapter 6E (c), line 12, delete after the word lifeguarding, (including tow in surfing, provided).

Section 2, Chapter 6E (c), line 13: (delete complete). add new wording, Tow in surfing not allowed in Surf Sites used by surfers who physically paddle into waves.

These amendments must be included to gain support of SOS. If not, we cannot support S.B. #2646 and we ask you not support it either.

Submitted by:

George Downing

President, Save Our Surf (SOS), 928 Punahale Place, Honolulu, HI 96821, Phone: 222-8755

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From: David McPherson [David.McPherson@lpma.nsw.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2010 5:51 PM
To: EDTTestimony
Cc: Sen. Fred Hemmings
Subject: SB2646: Relating to Hawaii Surfing Reserves

The Committee Clerk

I submit my support for the establishment of a legislative recognition of iconic surfing sites in Hawaii. I can think of no more deserving location for such a recognition than the North Shore of Oahu.

Over the past four years I have been actively involved in the dedication of National Surfing Reserves in Australia, from both a personal and professional perspective.

The State of New South Wales has long established legislation providing for the reservation of land for a range of public purposes.

The NSW Government recently acted, as your Senator Hemmings is proposing, to amend its legislation to recognise and protect iconic surfing sites along our coastline.

This was done in recognition of the strong social attachment our society has to surfing, the significant economic and social benefits surfing provides our State, and the value of engaging with surfers as important members of the coastal management community.

Surfing reserves in Australia are national sporting assets.

The surfing reserve status does not restrict or preclude other legitimate uses or users of the coastal zone. These are regulated by other existing statutes.

Having personally undertaken the legal and administrative actions for the amendment of the legislation and creation of seven national surfing reserves now I can attest to the overwhelming positive value to government and the community. I cannot speak of any negative impact that has resulted from our reservation actions.

Creation of surfing reserves in Australia has required some careful management (particularly in communication) that I'm confident the bureaucrats and community of your State would be amply capable of.

I would suggest that the experiences from Australia would be readily transferrable in that regard and I extend a personal invitation to assist where possible should you think it appropriate.

Please do not hesitate to recommend the drafting of amendments to your statutes to ensure surfing locations of iconic status are recognised and protected so that future generations can be sure to enjoy surfing in your State. This is a visionary action to take.

Regards

David McPherson

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Secretary: *Helen Tyas Tunggal*

The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature, 2010
State of Hawaii

18 February 2010

Testimony in support of Hawaii surfing reserves

Dedication of the Angourie National Surfing Reserve in Australia has recognised the importance of acknowledging and protecting Angourie as a site of environmental, spiritual and cultural significance in Australian surfing heritage.

It acknowledges the importance of the interaction of surfers in this beautiful environment and its cherished place in surfing culture.

With its dedication by the NSW Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly on Friday 12th January 2007, Angourie on the NSW north coast became the state's first legally protected national surfing reserve. The event was a huge success with attendees coming from interstate and overseas as well as a large local contingent.

With support from the Angourie community, establishment of the reserve was achieved in conjunction with a steering committee of local surfers and community members, the National Surfing Reserves National Reference Group, the NSW state government Department of Lands, the local council and representatives of the local Yaegl traditional custodians.

Designation of the Angourie National surfing reserve has not limited enjoyment of the designated area, but it recognises surfing as the prime recreational activity and shows we can protect our valuable coastal areas and surf spots like Angourie for generations to come.

Following the successful establishment of the Angourie National Surfing Reserve, I was invited to join the Australian National Surfing Reserves National Reference Group and have personally been involved with assisting other local community NSR steering committees in NSW, including Lennox Head and Crescent Head, and more recently in Western Australia.

I have attended the dedication ceremony for each of the National Surfing Reserves gazetted in NSW and the common ingredient of these local celebrations has been a wonderful sense of well being and collaborative achievement, acknowledgement of the strong surfing tradition and recognition that the dedication will help to protect Australia's most outstanding surf sites for the generations to come.

While each community has developed its own wording for the simple brass plaques which commemorate the dedication at each National Surfing Reserve site, there is a common message of respecting and preserving these iconic surfing locations.



This testimony whole-heartedly supports the initiative to establish surfing reserves for Waikiki and parts of Oahu's North Shore areas.

Sincerely yours,

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I am definitely in favor of setting aside Waikiki & North shore surfing sites as reserves:

- 1- for their natural beauty & unique surf environment**
- 2-public use & enjoyment**
- 3-as a tourist attraction**
- 4-for surfers of all ages.**

Please support Senator Fred Hemmings bill .(I am proud of my former 6th & 8th grade Punahou student's work to preserve the natural beauty & uniqueness of our home Hawaii).

Sincerely with aloha,

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Hawaii Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology

RE: Strong Support for SB2646 – Hawaii Surfing Reserves

Dear Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Committee,

My name is Stuart Coleman, and I am the Hawaii Coordinator of the Surfrider Foundation. With more than 4000 members across the state, the Hawai'i Chapters of the Surfrider Foundation ("Surfrider") strongly support passage of SB2646, a bill designed to designate world-famous surf sites in Hawaii and recognize their environmental and cultural importance.

The Hawaii Chapters are supporting SB2646 because Surfrider's mission is to protect the health of our oceans and the quality of our beaches. This bill will also reinforce our campaign to Preserve Special Places, and Waikiki and the North Shore certainly qualify as sacred spots in the sport of surfing and in Hawaiian culture. After all, this is where Hawaii's kings and queens, ali'i and commoners once surfed and helped transform this remote cultural practice of he'e nalu into one of the world's most popular water sports.

Mahalo for your time and consideration and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

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