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**Committee the comments are directed to:** HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND &  
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Testimony of  
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Before the House Committee on  
WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES

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In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 411, SENATE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO KAENA POINT STATE PARK

Senate Bill 411, Senate Draft 1 would amend Chapter 184, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to permit overnight camping at Ka'ena Point State Park, subject to administrative rules being adopted for this purpose. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) opposes this measure because it is unnecessary.** Chapter 184, HRS, and its implementing rule, Chapter 13-146, Hawaii Administrative Rule (HAR), already give the Department the power to permit overnight camping at appropriate State Parks, including Ka'ena, and to regulate any overnight camping.

The Department recognizes that there are strong opinions in the community about overnight camping at Ka'ena State Park in Wai'anae (Kāneana Cave to Ka'ena Point Natural Area Reserve (NAR)) and Ka'ena Point State Park Reserve in Waialua (Ka'ena Point NAR to Dillingham Field). This undeveloped stretch of coastline has long provided a wilderness experience that is rare on O'ahu and it remains a refuge for those pursuing customary fishing and other cultural practices. The Department is fully committed to taking the steps needed to permit camping along this coastline, but it must be permitted in a manner that protects public safety and the cultural and natural resources in the area.

An inter-divisional Ka'ena Point Stewardship Planning Group has been established within the Department to address the various resource and public use issues we face at Ka'ena. This Planning Group is in the process of organizing a group of community members to advise it in these efforts. The issue of camping will be a major topic of discussion. This will include identifying campsites that accommodate fishing practices while protecting native plant communities and cultural sites, access routes to campsites, an equitable permitting process, and appropriate sanitation. The Department asks that this measure be held while it works with the community to resolve their concerns.

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House Committee on Water, Land & Ocean Resources (WLO)

Representative Ken Ito (Chair) / Representative Sharon E Har (Vice Chair)

RE: Testimony in Opposition to SB 411 SD1 (Relating to Kaena Point)

Aloha Chair Ito, Vice Chair Har & Committee Members,

I'm a lifetime resident of *Mokule'ia* with lineage spanning at least 10 generations in *Waialua Moku* originating at *Kawaihapai Ahupua'a* where *Dillingham Airfield (Kawaihapai Airfield)* is situated. I've served on *Oahu Island Burial Council (OIBC)* as *Waialua Moku Representative, Office of Hawaiian Affairs's (OHA) Native Hawaiian Historic Preservation Council (NHHPC)* and *Na Maka O Ka'ena*. I'm also the *Po'o (head)* of the *Kawaihapai Ohana* which *The Department of Interior (DOI)* recognizes as a *Native Hawaiian Organization (NHO)*. Lastly, I'm a member of the *Mokule'ia Community Association (MCA)*. My *Kupuna* were *Cultural Informants and Practioners* featured in *Bishop Museum's* publications who utilized *Ka'ena* for seafood subsistence:

*Archeology of Oahu – Bulletin 104 (McAllister 1933)*

*Annie Keahipaka – Great-Great Grandmother/Aunt*

*The Hawaiian Planter (Handy 1940)*

*Kaemoku Kakulu – Great-Great Grandfather*

*David Keao – Great Grandfather \*(My Grandpa's Father)\**

I'm providing testimony as an individual as an opposing SB 411 SD1. First of all, this legislation was not crafted with input from the *Waialua District* and especially with the *Host Community of Mokule'ia* which is directly impacted. The *Mokule'ia Community Association's (MCA)* tenure of stewardship at *Ka'ena* spans 30 years and has coordinated with entities such as the *Army to Malama Ka'ena*. The *North Shore Neighborhood Board 27* is similar in tenure and has had a *Ka'ena Point Task Force Committee* in the 1990's. Recently formed is *The Friends of Kaena* continues this *kuleana*.

Secondly, this legislation opens the flood gates and diminish everything we've worked hard for in restoring this special and sacred *Wahi Pana* which was not intended for over use like *Shark's Cove* at the *Pupukea Marine Life Sanctuary District (MLSD)*. *Ka'ena* should remain rural with an emphasis on protecting the *Ka'ena NARS (Natural Area Reserve System)*.

Lastly, the *Department of Land & Natural Resources (DLNR)* is currently putting together the *Ka'ena Point Advisory Committee* to address cultural to recreational access and usage. Therefore, SB 411 SD1 is not needed. Gone are my cherished *holoholo* times with my beloved *Grandparents (David & Abigail Keao)* to *Ka'ena* when it was still bountiful. *Ao'le* SB 411 SD1. *Malama Ka'ena*.

*Thomas T Shirai Jr*

*Mokule'ia, Waialua*