

**TESTIMONY**

**SB 639**

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

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**Testimony of  
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**Before the Senate Committee on  
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Friday, February 6, 2009  
2:45 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 639  
RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS**

Senate Bill Number 639 authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to issue residential leases in certain State Parks, and creates an advisory committee to monitor compliance with the leases.

As the Legislature considers a variety of ideas for Kahana, the Department is asking that the solution be guided by the original purpose for which the Valley was purchased, as a public park. The Valley was acquired for the benefit and enjoyment of all, and it is important that, as a public park, Kahana should provide a welcoming environment for all who visit. The Valley was purchased to protect it from development, and any solution should limit future development.

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Chairman Senator Clayton Hee, Vice Chairwoman Jill Tokuda  
and committee members

February 5, 2009

Aloha,

I am a mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunty, niece, and granddaughter. My name is Lena Puanani Soliven. I am one of the 6 families that the state attempted to evict on October 27, 2008, from the Ahupua'a o Kahana.

We are lineal descendants of Kahana. As we look back we see our great grandparents, our grandparents, our parents, our selves, and as we look forward we see our children, our grandchildren, our great grandchildren.....

We are in support of legislation that would keep us on the land and in Kahana. We are "HAWAIIANS" living on HAWAIIAN LANDS living in our beautiful HAWAII NEI.

**Kahana** is where we live, teach, and share "OUR CULTURE" to family, friends, and even strangers, everyone knows that there is no place like **HOME**.

Mahalo  
Lena P. Soliven

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