



Hanalei Watershed Hui

February 4, 2011

Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources
Chair Jerry Chang, Vice Chair Sharon Har and Committee members

Re: SB 1082
Hearing: Monday, 2-7-11 9 am Room 325

Testimony in strong support

Aloha Chair Chang, Vice Chair Har and members,
The Hanalei Watershed Hui (HWH) is a community based nonprofit supporting and protecting the ecology, cultures and sustainable economies of Hanalei. We implement a Watershed Action Plan developed by the community of the Hanalei Bay watersheds and ahupua'a of Waikoko, Waipā, Wai'oli and Hanalei.

Our work is possible because of the Mauka Makai Watch Program, a partnership between DLNR and local volunteers and we coordinate this effort for Hanalei. The key to the success of this program is the cooperation of DOCARE in the enforcement of the rules in place to protect the resources we all care about and are "watching".

We strongly support SB 1082 and urge its passage because this legislation will enable DOCARE to support a working relationship and positive program and provide necessary natural and cultural resource management.

Mahalo for your positive consideration and passage of this important legislation, it is needed.

Me ka pono,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Makaala Kaaumoana". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Makaala Kaaumoana
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February 4, 2011

TO: Committee on Water, Land, and Ocean Resources
Chair Jerry Chang, Vice Chair Sharon Har, and Committee Members

RE: SUPPORT FOR HB1082 relating to the conservation and resources enforcement special fund
To be heard Monday, 02-07-11 at 9 a.m. in House conference room 325

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Har, and Committee Members:

The Hawai'i Community Stewardship Network empowers Hawai'i's communities to care for their environmental heritage. We work with more than 20 communities around the State who are engaged in mālama 'āina activities. Based on dozens of conversations with community members, results of community surveys and interviews, and first-hand experience undertaking collaborative efforts with the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE), it is clear that one of the great barriers to effective natural resources management is the fact that DOCARE is not provided the human and financial resources to effectively carry out its considerable mandate.

HB1082 provides a mechanism through which DOCARE can build its own capacity to perform effectively. We are familiar with scenarios in which offers of financial assistance to DOCARE—for example, including as a line item in a grant budget gasoline for enforcement vehicles—were turned down because such a mechanism to transfer the assistance to DOCARE currently does not exist.

We see HB1082 as a win-win solution: The State and the resources reap the benefits.

We support HB1082 and urge you to pass the bill.

Mahalo nui for your consideration,

Debbie Gowensmith, HCSN Director



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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting H.B. 1082 Relating to Conservation and
Resources Enforcement Special Fund
House Committee on Water, Land & Ocean Resources
Monday, February 7, 2011, 9:00AM, Room 325

The Nature Conservancy supports H.B. 1082.

Last year, the Conservancy was pleased to provide logistical support, and some financial assistance along with another local foundation, for the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) to begin the process of seeking national law enforcement accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA www.calea.org). We believe there are further opportunities for DOCARE to successfully compete for grant funds to complete the rigorous accreditation process, as well as for other projects and programs in support of DOCARE's mission and responsibilities. A dedicated financial account will facilitate these efforts.

The DLNR Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) has a specialized mission requiring unique knowledge and training related to the protection of the globally unique and fragile aquatic and terrestrial resources of the State of Hawai'i.

"The overall mission of the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement is to promote the safe and responsible use of Hawaii's natural resources."

DOCARE notes as its first objective: "In partnership with others, to help lead the citizens of Hawaii in developing and maintaining a tradition of ethical use, stewardship and sustainability of our land and natural resources."

<http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/docare/mission>

There is widespread agreement amongst a variety of stakeholders that Hawaii's fragile environment is in need of improved compliance, enforcement and prosecution of violations of our State natural resource laws. A 2006 State Auditor's report concludes that DOCARE officers are spread too thin and lack the equipment they need to do their jobs. In a better economy, the Legislature had been able to support an increase in the number of trained officers and equipment. Not to be deterred by the current tough fiscal climate, DOCARE undertook its own review and strategic planning effort to improve its operational processes. Seeking CALEA accreditation was an important outcome of that process.

Against this backdrop, a number of communities across the state have been organizing themselves to become more directly involved in the care and management of their natural resources, particularly in coastal and near shore areas. Some communities have partnered with DOCARE to raise awareness of natural resource laws and to improve compliance with those laws.

DOCARE needs the continued support and encouragement from the Legislature, the Administration, and the public. It is doing an admirable job of independently seeking non-State resources to keep building its capacity and expertise. H.B. 1082 will give them an important tool to achieve success.

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Testimony for the House Committee on Water Land & Ocean Resources
Hearing on HB1082
Feb. 7, 2011
9:00 am Room 325

Dear Chair Chang, Vice-Chair Har, and Members of the Committee:

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Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea **SUPPORTS HB1082** to create a special fund for DOCARE.

Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea (MPW) is a North Shore community group whose mission is to "to replenish and sustain the natural and cultural resources of the Pūpūkea and Waimea Ahupua'a for present and future generations through active community stewardship, education, and partnerships."

For the past five years, MPW has focused its successful volunteer outreach and community education programs on protecting the Marine Life Conservation District (MLCD) at Pūpūkea-Waimea, including Shark's Cove, Three Tables, and Waimea Bay.

DOCARE is a vital partner with MPW in our community stewardship efforts under the statewide Makai Watch Program. DOCARE's programs and officers are critical to ensuring adequate protection of our State's precious marine resources.

Strengthening DOCARE by providing DLNR the flexibility to accept private and external funds is an important method of supplementing state resources during these difficult budgetary times.

Please support DOCARE and HB1082.

Mahalo,

Denise Antolini, President
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February 5, 2011

The Honorable Jerry Chang, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on
Water, Land and Ocean Resources

**RE: In SUPPORT OF HB 1082 – “RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES
ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL FUND”**

Hearing Date: Monday, February 7, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Conference Rm. 325

Dear Chair Chang and Members of the
House Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources:

My name is Pauline Sato. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of
HB 1082.

This bill establishes a special fund in the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the
purpose of setting aside moneys to be used toward the protection of the State’s natural
resources. Moneys deposited into this fund would come from grants, donations, gifts, fees,
related penalties, and appropriations by the legislature, among other sources.

As one who has worked in the conservation field in Hawaii for nearly 30 years and has seen
the need for conservation enforcement and education grow while funding resources have
shrunk, I wholeheartedly support the establishment of this fund.

There are viable working examples of how a fund like this could be very effective in other
states as well as countries. The nation of Palau, for example, has established a fund for
marine conservation based on dive fees, generating millions of dollars to support
enforcement 24/7 in the popular Rock Islands.

There are likely many ways a fund in Hawaii could become financially sustainable if properly
managed. With such a designated fund that carries over excess moneys from year to year,
the fear of having moneys disappear into the “black hole” (aka the state’s general fund)
would be alleviated.

This bill needs to become law today. I humbly ask you to support the passage of HB 1082.
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Aloha,



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