

Written Statement of

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before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER LAND AND OCEAN RESOURCES

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State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In Support of

HB 324 RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION, SOUTH KONA WILDERNESS AREA

TO: Chair Chang, Vice Chair Har, and Members of the Water Land and Ocean Resources Committee

From: **L.P. Neenz Faleafine, State of Hawaii Resident**

Re: Testimony in Support of HB324

Honorable Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB324

The South Kona area on the island of Hawai'i (specifically from Ka Lae South Point to Miloli'i) is one of the last remaining untouched regions in the State. It is rich in early Hawaiian history and has many archaeological sites intact including a holua slide, petroglyphs, caves, heiau burial sites, ahupua'a rock dividers and a 3 mile long stone walking trail which dates back several hundred years. It's coastline is untouched, and offers pristine natural beauty and ocean resources. In addition many native Hawaiian plants can be found on its landscape. The purpose of HB324 is to create a permanent Wilderness Area in this region of South Kona. It is vitally important that in order to ensure that future generations of our keiki and visitors get to experience this culturally rich area that we preserve it from future development and expansion. Mahalo for your continued support and preservation of our Islands and its unique Hawaiian history.

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