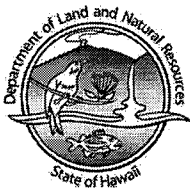


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Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Friday, April 01, 2011
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 850, HOUSE DRAFT 1, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO FISHING**

House Bill 850, House Draft 1 Senate Draft 1 would establish a community-based fishery resource management area around the Island of Lanai, an advisory committee within the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department), to develop traditional fishery management practices, and to advise the Department on proposed rules for the take of fishery resources. It also proposes an unspecified sum to be expended in Fiscal Year 2012 for the program's development, and includes a repeal provision upon the adoption of rules that implement an aha kiole management system.

While the Department agrees that developing traditional fishery management practices would benefit the natural resources management of the Island of Lanai, it is nevertheless concerned that establishing a fishery management advisory committee within the Department would greatly tax the Department's already strained manpower and budget, a situation compounded by the downward revision of the Council on Revenues most recent (March 29, 2011) estimates for general excise tax collection for the State.

Alternatively, and without the expenses that would be incurred by the State under the current provisions of this legislation, there exists a process by which a community can craft their own subsistence-based management plan, as provided in Section 188-22.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). This statute provides a means by which a community can independently pursue a community-based subsistence fisheries management plan consistent with traditional and cultural values, and submit draft rules for the Department to consider for implementation.

As such, the Department suggest that the Legislature encourage the Lanai Community to avail itself of Section 188-22.6, HRS, in order to establish a subsistence-based management plan, and pledges its assistance to the community, if necessary and where possible, in the development of their proposed rules.

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H.B. 850, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 -- Relating to Fishing

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**By Robbie Alm
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Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.**

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee,

This testimony is being submitted on behalf of Hawaiian Electric Company and its subsidiary utility, Maui Electric Company.

We support H.B. 850, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 which is intended to incorporate indigenous resource practices in establishing a community-based fishery resource management area for the island of Lanai. During community meetings on the proposed wind farm project and in discussions during the community's visioning process we heard concerns about over-fishing and how it threatened the island's subsistence lifestyle. This bill will help to address those concerns by creating an advisory committee of Lanai residents with knowledge of traditional practices in the management of fishery resources. It enables the committee to develop and implement a community-based fishery resource management area program for the island to promote the sustainable use of marine resources.

This bill is among several bills that have been introduced this legislative session which address some concerns and desires raised by residents during community discussions on the wind farm project. If the wind farm is built on Lanai and the power sent to Oahu, it seems only fair to provide the island with the resources necessary to meet critical community needs. We strongly urge this committee to pass this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Support HB850 current draft. OMRA will revitalize and support long-neglected fishery management on Lana'i.

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Comments:

Strongly support this bill, which will provide Lanaians a greater voice in management of the island's resources.