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IN REPLY REFER TO:

March 16, 2011

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 104 AND
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 95
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES

We support this House Concurrent Resolution with reservations.

We support the intent of this resolution to conduct the study, however, we call attention to other entities with an interest in this matter. The City and County of Honolulu and other utility companies have easements in this area and, therefore, will also benefit from the study. Given the nature of the study, an outside consultant with expertise in the area of water paths is needed to conduct an in-depth analysis of this situation. The estimated cost is \$300,000. As such, we request either an appropriation be made to pay for the study or all affected parties should be tasked with contributing to the study.

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Testimony for TRN/WLO 3/16/2011 11:30:00 AM HCR104

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Aloha,

I am writing in support of HCR 104 regarding a request for a study on returning the water to its traditional path through Kalauha'iha'i Fishpond and into Maunalua Bay. By supporting this resolution, this should reduce the sewer and utility load from the water that is leaking into these systems. The uncontrolled water can also pose a safety threat if it undermines Kalaniana'ole Highway. With slightly less than one million gallons a day going into the sewer since the highway widening, it remains an urgent issue that has only slightly lessened since the recent repair work.

The nearshore ecosystem of Maunalua Bay was significantly damaged when the fresh water flow was cut off during the highway widening work of the early 1990's. Restoration of the fresh water flow should dramatically improve the fishery as well as the overall health of the Bay.

I also recommend an amendment to HCR 104 to replace the word conduct to support - to support a study.

Amended Title:

REQUESTING THE SUPPORT of the DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, TO CONDUCT (Delete) FOR A STUDY ON REDUCING THE SEWER AND UTILITY LINE LOAD, BY REPAIRING AN ARTERY TO ALLOW TRADITIONAL WATER FLOW TO KALAUHA'IHA'I FISHPOND AND MAUNALUA BAY.

Mahalo,
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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Re: HCR 104 Requesting the DOT in consultation with the BLNR, to Conduct a Study on Reducing the Sewer and Utility Line Load, by Repairing an Artery to Allow Traditional Water Flow to Kalauha'iha'i Fishpond and Maunalua Bay

Hrg: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 11:30 am in Conf. Room 309

Aloha Legislators,

As a board member of Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center (MFHC), I have seen first hand the negative environmental impact of the destruction of the natural fresh water flow to the ocean at Niu/Kuliou'ou.

As a taxpayer, I have watched my sewer fees increase. Eight months ago, then Mayor Hannemann announced that sewer fees on O'ahu would increase 3 to 5 percent every year for the next 25 years as part of a consent decree with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and environmental groups that filed suit against the city in July of 2004.

As a member of the Council of Deacons of Calvary Lutheran Church in 2009, I watched a presentation by City & County officials who, with a Graduate student researcher working with MFHC, recorded a video of what is flowing through the sewer line on Kalaniana'ole Highway, and conducted water tests. The video is disgusting, not because of waste material, but because of the wastefulness of one million gallons of clear fresh water daily rushing to be treated as waste water, instead of performing its natural and essential part of the Maunalua ecosystem.

As a descendant of Alexander Adams and Charlotte O'ili Harbottle, to whom the ahupua'a of Niu was given by Kamehameha I, I have generations of stories, 'oli, pictures, of the once clean bay with abundant fish stocks.

As a citizen, I humbly ask you to support this Resolution.

Me ka ha'aha'a,
Kauai Lucas

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