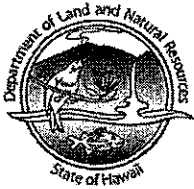


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**Before the House Committees on
WATER, LAND, & OCEAN RESOURCES
and
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**Monday, March 21, 2011
9:15 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 1220, SENATE DRAFT 2
RELATING TO FISHING**

Senate Bill 1220, Senate Draft 2 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. The Department opposes this bill.

Establishing an advisory committee within the Department to provide advice on bill provisions relating to developing a plan for rule adoption, prioritizing important species for management and understanding their life cycles, other education and enforcement initiatives, would conflict with the existing mission of the Department, and would add another layer of management to the decision-making process. This would require Department staff to assist the advisory committee on the bill's new initiatives, increase expenses, and tax an already-deficient manpower situation.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1220, SD2

Aloha Chair Chang, Chair, Coffman and Members of the Committees:

The Hawai'i Chapter of the Sierra Club, with 8,000 dues-paying members and supporters, *supports* SB 1220, SD2. This measure would establish a Lana'i community-based fishery resource management area, creates an advisory committee within DLNR, and advises DLNR on fishing rules.

The Sierra Club supports efforts to allow the community to have a greater voice in the management of their unique resources. This measure could be a model or test pilot for similar programs around the state.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

**Testimony before the
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S.B. 1220, S.D. 2 -- Relating to Fishing

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**By Robbie Alm
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Chairs Chang and Coffman, 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 S.B. 1220, S.D. 2 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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Chair Chang and Members WLO
Chair Coffman and members EEP
Chair Oshiro and members Finance Committee.

Aloha All

Oahu the economic base of Hawaii Nei now with a million people has for decade's contributed to Lanai"s infrastructure. For years tugs and ship's that supply Lanai with food and goods have come through Honolulu and Honolulu Harbor, medicine and perishable goods are flown in from Honolulu daily. Honolulu the center for transporting good's and services.

this hasn't come without cost to Oahu and Oahu's people . Now Our Own Hawaiian Electric is mandated to provide a percentage of renewable energy and Lanai is suddenly over fished, Lanai is not an easy leap for fisher's. with treacherous Channel's to cross it remain's pristine, Current State Laws already provide for resource protection, The ocean feeds all of us from Niihau to the Big Island but mainly it KEEP's Hawaii Sustainable, these waters remain abundant because of Hawaii's vastness, We no dough respect Hawaiian Kupuna, But management area's in Hawaii are as normally defined "fishers out and everyone else in", Hawaiian Fisher's as well.

Mahalo for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony.

Carl Paoo Jellings Sr.