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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 23 RELATING TO THE AHA KIOLE COMMISSION.

Submitted to: Hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land and Housing.

Hearing Date: February 12, 2011

Submitted by: Kaipo Kekona and Rachel Kapu

Aloha, Chair Guluteria and members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee and Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Committee on Water, Land and Housing.

My name is Kaipo Kekona and I also share sympathies of Rachel Kapu for she is Deaf and cannot speak as well.

We live in Lahaina Maui and we have written our testimony in support of SB 23.

We send our great appreciation for all the communities State wide for providing the input necessary to form this awesome community/State working entity of an aha moku act 212 structure, providing a more clear understanding resource management system/plan for our communities/Visitors and Future generations.

Please support Senate Bill 23.

Mahalo

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 23
RELATING TO THE AHA KIOLE COMMISSION.

Submitted to: The Hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Land, Water and Housing.

Hearing Date: February 12, 2011.

Submitted by: Ke'eaumoku Kapu.

Aloha no, Chair Galuteria and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs committee and Chair Dela cruz and members of the Committee on Water, Land and Housing.

I would like to extend my utmost gratitude for your leadership and commitment to all the continued dedication that all of you have done for the people of Hawaii.

I know that one of the most important issues that have come to light for all of us which is most challenging and that is the care ship of our Land and Ocean Environment.

We have seen our traditions get watered down to contemporary idea's but never to the point of it ever being applied to policies, we have seen many use the term's a lot but only for development profit and not for what it is truly based.

We have also seen agencies such as the Department of Land and Natural Resources, (DLNR), thru special interest groups create policies that are scientifically based which is a fundamental structure but does nothing to repair our fractured environment, then apply restrictions which does nothing for the general populous but subject's arbitrary solutions.

Due to the horrendous responsibilities our State agencies have endured, it is time for recourse.

With SB 23 Relating to the Aha Kiole Commission, will allow for ultimate transparency to resource management by enabling community participation thru a selective process of representatives of the Moku districts thru out the Islands of Hawaii Pae 'Aina.

We have a dedicated society that is willing to step up in their roles as leader's, and I know that SB 23 will be the tool that would bring all together proud, happy and united, for this would allow for public participation to join true ideas on how we will forever be able to care for our islands to sit at the table working for the benefit of all.

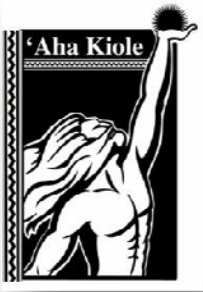
It is time to bring the minority to the table and discuss true management and policies for all who chose Hawaii to be their home.

Please support Senate Bill 23.

Thank you for your time.

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Aha Kiolo Advisory Committee

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 23,
RELATING TO THE 'AHA KILOLE
ADVISORY COMMISSION

Submitted to: Hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair Senator Brickwood Galuteria; and Committee on Water, Land, and Housing, Chair Donovan Dela Cruz

Hearing Date: February 12, 2011, 10:00 a.m., Room 225

Submitted by: The Aha Kiolo Advisory Committee: Vanda Hanakahi, Moloka'i (Chair), Leslie Kuloloio, Kahoolawe, (Vice-Chair); Timmy Bailey, Maui; Winifred Basques, Lana'i; Pi'ilani Ka'awaloa, (Po'o) Hawai'i; Charles Kapua, O'ahu; Sharon Pomroy, Kaua'i; Keith Robinson, (Konohiki) Ni'ihau.

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Ryan and Vice-Chair Solomon, and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs, and Water, Land and Housing Committees

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of S.B. 23, the bill that creates the Aha Kiolo Commission within the State Department of Land and Natural Resources We support with the following amendments: (~~strike out old language~~) (underscore new language)

SECTION 1. Paragraph 9: The purpose of this Act is to ~~create an Aha Kiolo Commission~~ **formally recognize the 'Aha Moku System and to create an Aha Kiolo Commission,** which will be located within the department of land and natural resources and shall serve in an advisory capacity to the governor and the legislature.

SECTION 3. ~~This Act shall take effect upon its approval.~~ **There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ _____ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the administrative costs related to carrying out the duties of the 'Aha Kiolo Commission.**

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. ~~This Act shall take effect upon its approval.~~ **This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.**

It was this Legislature who, in 2007, in answer to the critical and on-going concerns of Hawai'i residents on the continuing decline of the health of our natural and cultural resources, passed Act 212 through which the Aha Kiole Advisory Committee (AKAC) was created. The purpose of Act 212 was to initiate the process to create a system of best practices that is based upon the indigenous resource management practices of moku (regional) boundaries, which acknowledges the natural contours of land and ocean, the specific resources located within those areas, and the methodology necessary to sustain resources and the community.

The AKAC have met the mandates of Act 212 through six statewide public puwala (conferences), island puwala held on every island, and many public moku and ahupua'a meetings convened from 2006 through 2010. All of the conferences, meetings and gatherings were attended by the Native Hawaiian communities and the general public including lawai'a (fishermen), mahiai (farmers), environmentalists, educators, organizations, agencies and many residents of the different ahupua'a and moku on each island. Consensus was reached on supporting the formal recognition of the Aha Moku System into current government policy through an Aha Kiole Commission as reported to the Legislature in the Aha Kiole Advisory Committee Final Reports of 2009 and 2011.

The Aha Moku System is a true community consultation process through which communities can promote, educate and organize traditional resource management principles, practices and knowledge gleaned from thousands of years of Native Hawaiian kupuna (ancestral) knowledge and history that is site-specific. Everything focuses on the sustainability and protection of natural and cultural resources in Hawai'i. Every resident in Hawai'i, and every stakeholder interested in the health and welfare of our ecosystem and environment should be a participant in this process.

The AKAC shall continue to provide input based on the indigenous management practices of each moku to state and county agencies; to aide in the comprehensive set of best practices for natural and cultural resource management; to continue to foster understanding of and the practical use of knowledge including Native Hawaiian methodology and expertise; and, to enhance community education and cultural awareness.

The current Aha Kiole Advisory Committee, per Act 39, will sunset in June of 2011. To continue the work of the residents, both Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian who make up the Aha Moku Councils and the 500+ ahupua'a in Hawai'i, the Aha Kiole Commission must be created and the Aha Moku System formally recognized in the State of Hawai'i.

We urge you to support the passage of S.B. 23 and to include our recommended amendments.

Mahalo nui loa,

Vanda Hanakahi, Chair, Moloka'i

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To: Hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, and Housing
Hearing Date : February 12, 2011
State Capital, Honolulu, Hawaii

From: Foster Ampong
Maui, Hawaii

Subject: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF S.B. 23, RELATING TO THE AHA KIOLE
COMMISSION

Aloha Chair Galuteria and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee, and Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee on Water, Land and Housing,

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of S.B. 23, the bill that creates the Aha Kiole Commission within the State Department of Land and Natural Resources and formalizes the Aha Moku System for the State of Hawaii.

As were both my parents, I was born and raised at Lahaina, on the island of Maui. I am a lineal descendant of the first people of these Hawaii Islands and inherently taught the ways of living a sustainable lifestyle with the elements and environment.

Growing up in the 1960's and 1970's, I have come to see and witness the changes that have occurred throughout our land and ocean resources as a result of unsustainable growth. Unfortunately, the impact these changes have had on our residents and the environment now presents us with a sobering reality that our very survival as an independent society is no longer an option. We are rapidly approaching total dependency on out-of-state commerce to safely and sufficiently provide our residents with the fundamental necessities of everyday living.

As do many of our Island residents, I know the areas in I which I lived and grew up in well. My father, mother, uncles, aunts, and cousins taught me how to care and ensure the sustainable cycles and cultural protocols. This is how we fed ourselves and our family the past two thousand plus years.

Through SB 23, The Aha Moku System will give me, my family and the entire community the voice we need to help sustain this fragile balance of our aina and ocean resources. My family and I fully support S.B. 23.

Mahalo


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Aloha I am in support of SB-23 because this is what the needs are for the community of lanai. DLNR the state way of protecting are natural resources. Are miss guided by laws that are to blanket for the whole state ther is no room for island communities to say that this law does not work hear. Each island should have a adaptive managment frame work this will allow all islands will be on the same page and each island to manage there area with the support of DLNR.

DLNR is already under budget be a partner with community adaptive managment frameworks for are islands and its people. We can find common ground if you come to the table and sit down and talk. The importance of an island managment system is it brings a community together which we can police are self. State laws allow us to be divided their is no protection for are resources. You have been voted in by us the people that are telling what we need! Look at what is happening around the world that could be us. The state had its chance now we what our chance to do what needs to be done. Take a one group from each island and create a model. This will help the state understand what is going on.

For example how stupid the state is oahu is to get power from lanai and molokai! Oahu has over used its resources this is a perfect example what DLNR has done to our natural resources sold out!

so give the people the chance to show you what we want to do and then its your job to put this new way of thinking to law for future generations to follow. Thank you for your time sorry if I hand offend anyone.

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Mr and Mrs Jacob and Jaydena Kapu
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 23 RELATING TO THE AHA KIOLE COMMISSION

Submitted to: Hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land and Housing.

Hearing Date: February 12, 2011

Submitted by: Mr and Mrs Jacob and Jaydena Kapu.

Aloha Chair Galuteria and members of the Hawaiian Affairs committee and Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Committee on Water, Land and Housing.

I support SB 23 for these reasons.

We need true management that is community based.

We are in search of knowledge that can only be found within the hearts of our people that use and know their place.

We are an Incubated State that needs the help of all to implement an aha moku system.

It would assist our visitor industries whereas this would instill pride amongst our communities at large in boosting our economy based on common values and pride.

Please support Senate Bill 23

Thank you so much.

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RELATING TO THE AHA KIOLE COMMISSION

Submitted to: hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land and Housing.

Hearing Date: February 12, 2011

Submitted by: Jonah Ikaika Kapu Student, Maui College, University of Hawaii

Aloha Chair Galuteria and members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee, and Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Committee on Water, Land and Housing.

I would like to thank you all for taking up this important item.

We have long awaited a system of best practices involving traditional resource management.

Our elders have endured a tidal wave of change only to see the degradation of our resources be managed by outsider interpretations.

We need true management and that can only be possible thru a community effort of individuals that know and understand their Moku (district) on how to provide positive solutions.

To Conserve our environment for the generation forward.

Please support SB 23

Thank you for your time.

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Testimony in SUPPORT of S.B. 23

To: Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair Galuteria
Committee on Water, Land and Housing, Chair Dela Cruz
Date: February 14, 2010, 10:00 a.m., Room 225
From: Jocelyn Costa, Resident, Maui

Aloha Chairs Galuteria, Dela Cruz and respective Members of these Committees,

My name is Joyclynn Costa. I was privileged to participate and witness the process of the Aha Moku back in November 2010. To have a unification of a people was awesome and yet coupled with consensus was ground breaking history. I am in full support of SB1154. This bill will make possible the opportunity to not only talk the talk but practice and walk in the foot prints of our "Kupuna". It would fulfill the fiduciary responsibility towards the perpetuation of our host Culture in a time when the world is both politically and environmentally turn on its head. We in Hawaii will lead the charge to a better future. Because of the balance this concept will bring our environment, community, economy and relationship between all three will be in better harmony. Now we can begin to see the glass half full instead of half empty.

Mahalo

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Submitted to: Hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land and Housing

Hearing Date: February 12, 2011

Submitted by: Kaulana Kapu

Aloha, Chair Galuteria and members of the Hawaiian Affairs committee and Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee on Water, Land and Housing.

I would like to thank all of you for the endless dedication that is before you.

I support SB 23 because it is transparent.

It allows grass root community consensus.

It breaks down barriers between State/County Policies and allows for consultation with the one's that know their environment.

It gives everyone a sense of trust, knowing that an extra effort has been formed for the welfare of our Island State.

It has qualities that would acknowledge the Aha Moku structure that has long been overlooked.

Please support Senate Bill 23

Thank you much.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 23, RELATING TO THE AHA KIOLE COMMISSION

Submitted to: Hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, and Housing
Hearing Date: February 12, 2011
Submitted by: Keith P. Robinson, Niihau Ranch, Niihau Island

Aloha Chair Galuteria and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee, and Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee on Water, Land and Housing,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of S.B. 23, the bill that creates the Aha Kiole Commission within the State Department of Land and Natural Resources and formalizes the Aha Moku System for the State of Hawaii.

My brother and I are the present co-owners of the island of Niihau, which has descended through our family for generations. We have accomplished a considerable amount of environmental preservation there (especially with monk seals) which neither the state government, nor the federal government, nor the environmental groups, have ever accomplished anywhere else. We are thoroughly familiar with Niihau's potential environmental problems, and the probable best ways to deal with them.

In short, we know our area, and how best to take care of it.

The Aha Moku System will give us and the native Hawaiian residents of Niihau the voice we need to take care of our land and ocean.

Therefore we presently support the creation of the Aha Moku System, as it presently appears to be the best way that we can be consulted on the preservation and sensible use of the natural resources on and around Niihau.

Signed

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 23, RELATING TO THE AHA KIOLE COMMISSION

Submitted to: Hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, and Housing
Hearing Date: February 12, 2011
Submitted by: Kelson "Mac" Poepoe, Hui Malama 'o Mo'omomi

Aloha Chair Galuteria and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee, and Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee on Water, Land and Housing,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of S.B. 23, the bill that creates the Aha Kiole Commission within the State Department of Land and Natural Resources and formalizes the Aha Moku System for the State of Hawaii.

My name is Mac Poepoe, and I am the resource manager of Hui Malama 'o Mo'omomi. I would like to urge you to support the Aha Moku Bill, SB 23. It is a vital bill that will encourage communities to take responsibility for their island resources and relieve for the state the onus of monitoring, cleaning, protecting, educating, enforcing- for each individual community's land, cultural, and natural resources.

There is general, widespread depletion, deterioration and/ or change among most of Hawai'i's land and coastal areas. Hawai'i's resources have been steadily declining under largely ineffective management systems that have been instituted and continued since long before statehood. Many areas have been depleted past the point of restoration.

On Moloka'i, the Hui Malama 'o Mo'omomi has been working for almost 20 years on the restoration and revitalization of the Mo'omomi area, a significantly large area that covers 14 miles of unbroken

coastline on the Northwest side of the island.

Through our efforts, which are based on the traditional Hawaiian methodology of balancing resource availability and usage, the Mo'omomi coastline has been restored to levels of health and productivity unseen by most of Hawai'i's coastal areas today. Our successes have been recognized by State and Federal agencies, our University systems, private conservation groups, Hawaiian cultural associations, as well as other Pacific Rim governments.

We apply a community-based adaptation of the traditional Hawaiian konohiki management system. Our operation returns us to best practices of the indigenous people of Hawai'i in the care and maintenance of their 'aina and the species that interact within the 'aina. The success of our Hawaiian konohiki management system at Mo'omomi came from a deliberate decision on the part of the Hawaiian community to shift away from what has become, over time, the prevailing attitude of our population under state management:

1. People use resources to fit their needs only, with no regard for the environment, replenishment or others.
2. People tend to ignore or look aside when changes occur, thinking that they are temporary.
3. There is an attitude of "if I don't take it now, someone else will".
4. Respect for an area's inhabitants is no longer recognized.
5. People think, "It is the State's responsibility, not mine", to care for a place.
6. People don't care.

Hui Malama 'o Mo'omomi members recognized that the way to restore appropriate attitudes was to reconfirm the wisdom of Hawaiian thinking and caretaking. Most Mo'omomi community members still knew of or practiced the "Hawaiian way". Mo'omomi reconfirmed their ties to the unbroken chain of passed-on knowledge that works within and respects the patterns and rhythms of nature in the area. People returned to the ways of those practitioners who remained true to their ancestral practices, those who were taught the importance of balance.

Outdated and irrelevant state laws, as well as lack of enforcement capabilities have contributed to the

decline of our resources. From the deteriorated state that we on Moloka'i found our coastline and surrounding land areas in, much the same as so many other coastlines in Hawai'i, the community made a commitment to take on our own kuleana, or responsibility, to restore the balance and bounty for which our area was known by our progenitors. The process of changing prevailing attitudes within our own community, in terms of redirecting the purpose from "what I want" to "what is best for the health of the system" was challenging but worthwhile as people began to see the restoration of species within a balanced system of ahupua'a "mountain-to-sea" management.

We understand what it takes to care for our resources in a way that will provide adequate community usage of those resources without depleting them.

We know from experience the kind of forum a community needs to organize in order to effectively work together on protecting while sharing those resources.

Even if we could focus on one target place at a time, in the way that Mo'omomi did, with the people of the area and the Hawaiian community working together to clean, restore, replant, contribute ideas and educate, it would be a step toward improvement. No need for big budgets and large staffing. The people and the kupuna power this initiative.

The 'Aha Moku System, and the 'Aha Ki'ole Council is ideally set up to accomplish the very kind of cultural conservation and community responsibility-sharing that we have working at Mo'omomi. We fully support the 'Aha Ki'ole Council as a structure that can accommodate the needs of each island in caring for itself, and doing so effectively and efficiently. The 'Aha Moku system demonstrates a forward thinking trend- a return to the wisdom of past people who kept Hawai'i clean and bountiful for far, far longer than we have managed in the present.

Mahalo,

Mac Poepoe

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Senate Bill #23

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Committees: Hawaiian Affairs & WLH

STRONG SUPPORT

Aloha Committee Members,

I strongly support SB 23.

The Aha Kiole has been in existence for many years, it has been recognized by the State Legislature and has broad support of the Hawaiian community throughout the State. Hawaiians are the beneficiaries of the ceded lands trust and are seeking to participate directly in the protection and management of the natural resources of the trust which are the cultural resources of the Hawaiian people.

It is widely recognized in the international arena that indigenous peoples have developed and retain the traditional knowledge of their cultures relating to the management, preservation and protection of the resources of their lands and territories. In Hawaii, the State has only just begun to interface with Hawaiian practitioners whose cultural practices maintained the Hawaiian environment for generations before the coming of the white man. The input and advise of the Aha Kiole members to the State Legislature and the Governor will provide these policy makers with the expertise of Hawaiians who know the Hawaiian environment and are willing to work for protection of Hawaii's unique biodiversity.

Sincerely,

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Testimony in support of SB 23, relating to the AHA KIOLE COMMISSION, AHA MOKU SYSTEM

Submitted to: Hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, and Housing

Hearing Date: February 12, 2011

Submitted by: Richard McCarty, a non-Hawaiian who lives in Hawaii and hopes you do the right thing.

Aloha Chair Galuteria and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee, and Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee on Water, Land and Housing,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of S.B. 23, the bill that creates the Aha Kiole Commission within the State Department of Land and Natural Resources and formalizes the Aha Moku System for the State of Hawaii.

Very seldom do we as occupants of Hawai'i Nei have the opportunity to publicly honor and recognize the ways of theKupuna, their ancestors and those who come after them.

To my understanding, the Aha Moku system is solidly in place and is working strongly to preservethe foundation of always making sure that things are Pono and to assure that all actions are based upon the spirit of Aloha. That is the way things are and that is the way things have always been in Hawai'i. That is the way things must be into the future.

This is a very important time for each of you, because your vote on SB23 is a step you can offer to your ancestors as a continuation of their legacy. What you do honors them.

It is also the first step in your own personal legacy which you will offer to your ohana as a guide to doing what is the right thing.

We all use theword Aloha in our everyday communications and expressions. Perhaps sometimes without thought. If you won't take the simple step of voting in favor of SB23 to show that you recognize the great Aha

Moku system which the Kupuna have kept in place for generations, perhaps you should look inside yourself before you use that word again.

The Aha Mokusystem is not for you to invent or condone. It is here and must be recognized as it cannot be ignored.

Listen to the whispers in your soul. They come from the Kupuna and from that place within you that tells you what must be done to be pono.

Please vote in favor of SB 23.

Thank you, Richard McCarty

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

Testimony of President Soulee Stroud

Supporting Senate Bill 23

Before the Joint Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and
Water, Land and Housing

February 12, 2011; 10:00; Room 225

Aloha Chairman Galuteria and Chairman DelaCruz of the Joint Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land and Housing. I am Soulee Stroud president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic clubs. It is a pleasure to be here today to continue support of SB23 that establishes an `Aha Kiole Advisory Commission in the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs has been involved in Puwalu meetings that created the `Aha Kiole Advisory committee since its inception, passing supportive resolutions in several of our annual conventions. Over these several years we have not seen any reason to change our position to support the righteous intent of this organization and its members.

Members of the `Aha Kiole represent practitioners of traditional Hawaiian cultural practices of various `ahupua`a on all islands. These practitioners strive to preserve and exercise those excellent systems of sustaining natural resources of the islands used by past generations of Native Hawaiians. It is a race to gather, preserve and protect this precious cultural knowledge before all is lost.

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs has witnessed steady progress as the `Aha Kiole organized itself despite no support from the Department of Land and Natural Resources to which it was assigned, and the refusal of the past Governor to release operational funds appropriated by the legislature.

We will continue to support the `Aha Kiole as yet another way to maintain the native culture and natural resources of these islands. The bill before you provides an opportunity to join a special effort at cultural and natural resources preservation and we urge you to support this bill.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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We will continue to support the `Aha Kiole as yet another way to maintain the native culture and natural resources of these islands. The bill before you provides an opportunity to join a special effort at cultural preservation and we urge you to support this bill.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 23 RELATING TO THE AHA KIOLE COMMISSION.

Submitted to: Hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land and Housing.

Hearing Date: February 12, 2011

Submitted by: U'ilani Kapu

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SB 23
RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Housing

February 12, 2011

10:00 a.m.

Room 225

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs offers the following comments on SB23, which would establish an 'Aha Kiole Advisory Commission placed within the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to advise the Governor and the Legislature on the management of the state's land and natural resources.

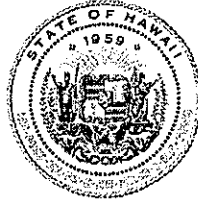
OHA supports the intent of SB 23 as the bill would allow the state to improve its resource management policies through adoption of traditional, community-based natural resource management.

Creating an 'Aha Kiole Commission would empower Native Hawaiians to participate in the management of Hawai'i's natural, cultural, and historical resources. It would also aid the State in making better resource management decisions. Local communities that have lived off the resources of their respective ahupua'a and have studied the area's conditions and resources over generations, have the best knowledge on when it is the proper time to harvest, to kapu, to heal, to monitor, to inspect, and to take accountings. Native Hawaiians have centuries of traditional knowledge upon which to draw and have an interest in perpetuating Native Hawaiian traditions and customs and the resources they rely upon, for generations to come. The 'Aha Kiole commission can provide much needed input to state agencies, particularly those agencies and divisions that may not have institutional knowledge of Native Hawaiians traditional, community-based natural resource management. Ultimately there is potential for the commission to assist the state in becoming better resource managers.

OHA supports an open and fair selection process of the proposed eight-member 'Aha Kiole Commission and believes that a transparent and inclusive selection process would strengthen the commission and any actions it may undertake.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committees on
WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING
and
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 23
RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS**

Senate Bill 23 would establish an aha kiole commission within the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to advise the Governor and the Legislature on natural resource management decisions based on an aha moku system. While the Department agrees that developing management philosophies to account for best practices of an aha moku system, and indigenous practices, would benefit the natural resources management of the State, it is nevertheless concerned that establishing another commission within the Department would conflict with the statutory responsibilities of both the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Further, Senate Bill 23 proposes that aha kiole commission members be selected by the aha moku councils of each respective island. The Department opposes this provision of the bill as it provides an exemption from Sections 26-34 and 78-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, on the appointment of an individual to serve on a board or commission. The process for nominating and appointing individuals to State boards and commissions provides for executive review, community input, and legislative approval. The proposed process for appointing commission members does not provide the level of transparency, review, and oversight necessary to ensure that the interests of the community, in the broadest sense, are served.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
INTERIM CHAIRPERSON
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LAND
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Annie Hashimoto
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 23, RELATING TO THE AHA KIOLE COMMISSION

Submitted to: Hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, and Housing
Hearing Date: February 12, 2011
Submitted by: Annie Hashimoto

Aloha Chair Galuteria and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee, and Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee on Water, Land, and Housing.

Ho'ohanohano I Na Kupuna Puwalu "Ekahi" Nona Laelua. Experts was born on August 15-17, 2006 in Honolulu. It brought together more than 100 ahupua'a practitioners from all of Hawaii's populated islands as well as Kahoolawe. These participants discussed and proposed the development of 'aha moku (district councils) that would manage natural resources for the Native Hawaiian tenants and the community, through the implementation of site specific cultural conservation and utilization practices. Therefore a resolution "to unite native Hawaiians to move forward, to live, to grow, to gather together, to stand firm, and to restore and perpetuate the Hawaiian way of life was passed and established a framework for the Puwalu series met to honor our ancestors in the first of a series of three conferences. From the Ahupua'a of 45 traditional land districts of the Hawaii Archipelago, the first conference provided distinguished elders, practitioners, and experts a forum to discuss and share the cultural practices of the fisherman and the farmers.

Kanaka Maoli of the Island of Kauai is very protective of our resources. There are the concerns brought forth in the early part of 2008 at the public community meeting held:

RE: Halele'a / Na Pali Moku

1. Iwi Displacement
2. Coast line erosion
3. Water/Stream flow to Lo'i
4. Moi (fish) replenishment
5. Access to fishing ground
6. Beach Access
7. Stream diversion in uplands
8. Removal of invasive species, i.e. limu, fish, etc.
9. Regrowth and replenishment of sustainable limu, fish, etc.
10. Run-off of stream, reef, ocean
11. Fishing rules, etc.
12. No GMO of Taro until studies are completed
13. Farms, new constructions, golf course maintenance
14. Rock removal
15. Need for enforcement/monitoring
16. Funding for enforcement
17. Entrance fee to Haena State Park

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of S.B. 23, the bill that creates the Aha Kiole Commission within the State Department of Land and Natural Resources and formalizes the Aha Moku System for the State of Hawaii.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 23, RELATING TO THE AHA KIOLE COMMISSION

Submitted to: Hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, and Housing
Hearing Date: February 12, 2011
Submitted by: Thomas Hashimoto

Aloha Chair Galuteria and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee, and Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee on Water, Land, and Housing.

I am speaking as a practitioner, (Lawai'a & Mahiai) having received my knowledge from my Kupuna.

I know my area very well and know how to take care of it.

The Aha Moku System will give me, my ohana, and the community the voice we need to help sustain our aina and ocean resources.

My family and community supports the Aha Moku System and are working within that framework.

The Aha Kiole Advisory Commission within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to serve in an advisory capacity to the Governor and legislature on all matters regarding the management of the State's Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of S.B. 23, the bill that creates the Aha Kiole Commission within the State Department of Land and Natural Resources and formalizes the Aha Moku System for the State of Hawaii.

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Submitted by: Michael E K Forcum Sr

Aloha: Chair Galuteria and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee,
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of S.B. 23, S.B. 23 will create the Aha Kiole Commission within the State Department of Land and Natural Resources and formalize the Aha Moku System for the State of Hawaii.

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- S.B. 23 brings communities together to manage their own resources in their own ahupua'a and allows for communities State wide to collaborate with each other, utilize and maximize resources efficiently and create a network of Native Hawaiian Communities working for the purpose of management of all resources.

The Moku of Miloli'i, Ahupua'a of Kapalilua, South Kona, Moku O Keawe strongly supports S.B. 23

Mahalo to all of you for allowing me to testify on behalf of S.B. 23 in the support of the Aha Moku System and for your understanding of why this bill is very vital to the survival of cultural practices that has a proven record for sustainability for our families past, present and future.

Me ka ha'aha'a ~

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 23, RELATING TO THE AHA KIOLE COMMISSION

Submitted to: Hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, and Housing

Hearing Date: February 12, 2011

Submitted by: LaCher K Napeahi-Forcum

Aloha: Chair Galuteria and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee,
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Mahalo to all of you for allowing me to represent the majority of our Aha Moku committee within Miloli'i to testify on behalf of S.B. 23 in the support of the Aha Moku System and for your understanding of why this bill is very vital to the survival of cultural practices that has a proven record for sustainability for our families past, present and future. This measureable change will improve the quality of life here in Hawaii and will allow for our future generations to survive.

Mahalo piha ~
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Aha Moku Miloli'i – Member/Resident

TESTIMONY OF EDWARD AND MAHEALANI WENDT
IN SUPPORT OF S.B. 23

Hearing: February 12, 2011 10:00 a.m.

We support Senate Bill 23, which would establish an aha kiole advisory commission placed within the department of land and natural resources to serve in an advisory capacity to the governor and the legislature on all matters regarding the management of the State's land and natural resources.

We reside in Wailuanui, Maui. Mahealani retired last year after 32 years as administrator and executive director of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, a public interest lawfirm that provides legal representation to Hawaiians on native rights issues. I, Edward Wendt, my brother, and my three sons actively cultivate twenty taro patches, the same taro patches that were farmed by our ancestors prior to the Great Mahele of 1848 and that have been continuously farmed by our family from that time to the present. We also actively hunt, fish and gather from the `aina, the kai, and freshwater streams within our ahupua`a.

Mahealani and I have participated on the Aha Moku Councils that resulted in this proposal for creation of an aha kiole advisory regime within the DLNR. In this regard, we have helped convene well-attended community meetings in East Maui and attended several large gatherings of practitioners from all islands in Honolulu. We are aware of problems encountered in the initial organizing efforts of the Aha Moku Councils, and the controversey related to its relationship with WESTPAC, which has funded many Aha Moku Council activities due to lack of funding from other sources. However, having personally participated with Aha Moku these last several years, we believe those initial problems have been resolved, there is no undue influence by outside entities, including WESTPAC, and that that decision-making processes are fair and exclusive to the practitioners.

We urge these Committees' support of this S.B. 23.

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February 10, 2011

TO: Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Chair/And Members
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair/And Members
Senate Committee on Water, Land, and Housing

FROM: Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa
Kupa`aina of Ahupua`a He`eia, Moku Ko`olaupoko

SUBJECT: S.B. 23, Relating to Native Hawaiians

Aloha, Chairs and Members:

My name is Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa. I was born and raised in the ahupua`a of He`eia, moku Ko`olaupoko. My grandfather was the last konohiki for the waterways in our ahupua`a.

I wish to speak in support of the aha kiole to be chosen by aha moku councils in the traditional way, and not hand-picked by the governor.

The aha moku council system, as provided by Act 212, passed into law in 2007. Under Act 212, there is an Aha Moku Council Commission that oversees the aha moku council system, which has eight aha kiole members representing each island.

Perhaps this bill should be amended to read "Aha Moku Council Commission" wherever it now says "Aha Kiole Commission"; this, I feel, will make it comply with the existing law.

Traditionally, you would have had an aha kiole for each moku. However, I can see the state's dilemma with having too many aha kiole. So, in that matter, maybe for the island of O`ahu you can have an aha kiole for each district; for instance, Windward, Leeward, Central, and so forth. Although it's not traditional, it can work.

Ke'eaumoku Kapu,

> Organization: Kuleana Ku'ikahi LLC,.

> Lahaina Maui

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> TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 23

> RELATING TO THE AHA KIOLE COMMISSION.

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> Submitted to: The Hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and

> Land, Water and Housing.

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> Hearing Date: February 12, 2011.

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> Submitted by: Ke'eaumoku Kapu.

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> committee and Chair Dela cruz and members of the Committee on Water, Land and Housing.

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> I would like to extend my utmost gratitude for your leadership and
> commitment to all the continued dedication that all of you have done
> for the people of Hawaii.

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> I know that one of the most important issues that have come to
> light for all of us which is most challenging and that is the care
> ship of our Land and Ocean Environment.

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> We have seen our traditions get watered down to contemporary
> idea's but never to the point of it ever being applied to policies, we
> have seen many use the term's a lot but only for development profit
> and not for what it is truly based.

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> We have also seen agencies such as the Department of Land and
> Natural Resources, (DLNR), thru special interest groups create
> policies that are scientifically based which is a fundamental
> structure but does nothing to repair our fractured environment, then
> apply restrictions which does nothing for the general populous but subject's
arbitrary solutions.

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> Due to the horrendous responsibilities our State agencies have
> endured, it is time for recourse.

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> With SB 23 Relating to the Aha Kiole Commission, will allow for
> ultimate transparency to resource management by enabling community
> participation thru a selective process of representatives of the Moku
> districts thru out the Islands of Hawaii Pae 'Aina.

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> We have a dedicated society that is willing to step up in their
> roles as leader's, and I know that SB 23 will be the tool that would
> bring all together proud, happy and united, for this would allow for
> public participation to join true ideas on how we will forever be able
> to care for our islands to sit at the table working for the benefit of all.

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> It is time to bring the minority to the table and discuss true
> management and policies for all who chose Hawaii to be their home.
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> Please support Senate Bill 23.
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> Thank you for your time.
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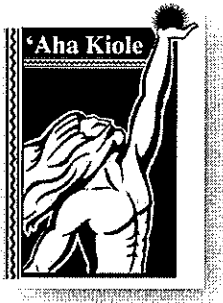
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Aha Kiole Advisory Committee

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 23,
RELATING TO THE 'AHA KIOLE
ADVISORY COMMISSION

Submitted to: Hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair Senator Brickwood Galuteria; and Committee on Water, Land, and Housing, Chair Donovan Dela Cruz

Hearing Date: February 12, 2011, 10:00 a.m., Room 225

Submitted by: The Aha Kiole Advisory Committee: Vanda Hanakahi, Moloka'i (Chair), Leslie Kuloloio, Kahoolawe, (Vice-Chair); Timmy Bailey, Maui; Winifred Basques, Lana'i; Pi'ilani Ka'awaloa, (Po'o) Hawai'i; Charles Kapua, O'ahu; Sharon Pomroy, Kaua'i; Keith Robinson, (Konohiki) Ni'ihau.

Aloha Chair Galuteria, Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Ryan and Vice-Chair Solomon, and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs, and Water, Land and Housing Committees

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of S.B. 23, the bill that creates the Aha Kiole Commission within the State Department of Land and Natural Resources We support with the following amendments: (~~strike out old language~~) (underscore new language)

SECTION 1. Paragraph 9: The purpose of this Act is to ~~create an Aha Kiole Commission~~ **formally recognize the 'Aha Moku System and to create an Aha Kiole Commission,** which will be located within the department of land and natural resources and shall serve in an advisory capacity to the governor and the legislature.

SECTION 3. ~~This Act shall take effect upon its approval.~~ **There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ _____ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the administrative costs related to carrying out the duties of the 'Aha Kiole Commission.**

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. ~~This Act shall take effect upon its approval.~~ **This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.**

It was this Legislature who, in 2007, in answer to the critical and on-going concerns of Hawai'i residents on the continuing decline of the health of our natural and cultural resources, passed Act 212 through which the Aha Kiole Advisory Committee (AKAC) was created. The purpose of Act 212 was to initiate the process to create a system of best practices that is based upon the indigenous resource management practices of moku (regional) boundaries, which acknowledges the natural contours of land and ocean, the specific resources located within those areas, and the methodology necessary to sustain resources and the community.

The AKAC have met the mandates of Act 212 through six statewide public puwahu (conferences), island puwahu held on every island, and many public moku and ahupua'a meetings convened from 2006 through 2010. All of the conferences, meetings and gatherings were attended by the Native Hawaiian communities and the general public including lawai'a (fishermen), mahiai (farmers), environmentalists, educators, organizations, agencies and many residents of the different ahupua'a and moku on each island. Consensus was reached on supporting the formal recognition of the Aha Moku System into current government policy through an Aha Kiole Commission as reported to the Legislature in the Aha Kiole Advisory Committee Final Reports of 2009 and 2011.

The Aha Moku System is a true community consultation process through which communities can promote, educate and organize traditional resource management principles, practices and knowledge gleaned from thousands of years of Native Hawaiian kupuna (ancestral) knowledge and history that is site-specific. Everything focuses on the sustainability and protection of natural and cultural resources in Hawai'i. Every resident in Hawai'i, and every stakeholder interested in the health and welfare of our ecosystem and environment should be a participant in this process.

The AKAC shall continue to provide input based on the indigenous management practices of each moku to state and county agencies; to aide in the comprehensive set of best practices for natural and cultural resource management; to continue to foster understanding of and the practical use of knowledge including Native Hawaiian methodology and expertise; and, to enhance community education and cultural awareness.

The current Aha Kiole Advisory Committee, per Act 39, will sunset in June of 2011. To continue the work of the residents, both Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian who make up the Aha Moku Councils and the 500+ ahupua'a in Hawai'i, the Aha Kiole Commission must be created and the Aha Moku System formally recognized in the State of Hawai'i.

We urge you to support the passage of S.B. 23 and to include our recommended amendments.

Mahalo nui loa,

Vanda Hanakahi, Chair, Moloka'i

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 23

RELATING TO THE AHA KIOLE COMMISSION

Submitted to: Hearing of the Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land and Housing Committees, Chair Senator Brickwood Galuteria (HWN) and Chair Donovan Dela Cruz (WLH)

Hearing Date: February 12, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Submitted by: Robert DaMate

Aloha Chair Galuteria and Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land and Housing

Mahalo for giving me this opportunity to tell you how important this Bill is. I live in the ahupua'a of Kahuku, the moku of Ka'u, Mokupuni of Moku O Keawe and I am the Ahupua'a representative for my ahupua'a, Kahuku. I am a lawai'a and a mahiai, a beneficiary of generational knowledge handed down to me by my father who was hanai'd by the Kealoha family in Waianae in the early 1920's. I do not have Hawaiian blood. I am a third-generation Korean/Filipino whose parents were raised by Hawaiians to love the land and ocean. I bring this up because the Aha Moku System does not depend on being Hawaiian. It's foundation is generational Hawaiian knowledge of the natural and cultural resources. Like every local resident, especially those who were born and raised in Hawaii, I am a keiki o ka 'aina. I am Hawaiian in my beliefs and in my practices. I have taught my own children and grandchildren, who do have Hawaiian blood how to sustain the marine resources; how to know when to fish and for what; how to know when to plant and why; how to follow our lunar calendars that balances our environment, specific to Ka'u.

All of this is encompassed in the Aha Moku System. We must formally recognize this system so that practices we have used for generations and have proven to work can be handed down and shared – the whole focus of the Aha Moku System is to keep the natural balance intact and protect our ecosystem. The beauty of the Moku System is that it is site-specific. What works in Ka'u does not work in Kaua'i. Laws must be changed to protect our resources as they are, not as some would wish them to be. I want my children and grandchildren, and the generations to come after me, to be able to fish in the same places that my father taught me to fish. SB 23 would ensure that.

I ask, on behalf of my 'ohana, my children and grandchildren - Please support the passage of SB 23.

Mahalo,

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Submitted by: Elizabeth Kuluwaimaka

Aloha Chair Galuteria and Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land and Housing

Thank you for allowing me to testify in favor of SB 23. I am the Ahupua'a representative for Kahuku, in the moku of Ka'u on Moku O Keawe, Island of Hawaii. I am a life-long resident of Ka'u and learned my mahiai skills from my parents, who learned from their parents, and so on for many generations past. And, Ka'u is a very rural area, I have seen changes and developments trying to get established in areas where they should not be. They failed because the developers do not know the history of the area, or what is there. They are not interested in learning from Hawaiians, but we can share so much.

I support SB 23 because the Aha Moku System gives me the voice I need for my family and community. The community I live in has many non-Hawaiians, many who are now residents but originally came here for vacations. They fell in love with Hawaii and decided to stay. They tell me that they love the way Hawaii has been for many many years. They love our Hawaiian people and they want Ka'u to stay the way it is. This is the community of my ahupua'a – Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians. We all have a voice in how we want our lands to be. We have endemic native Hawaiian forests here, fishing areas both shoreline and deep-sea, farm lands where Hawaiians still raise taro and other vegetables. The Aha Moku System is the process we need to be happy where we live.

Please support S.B. 23

Mahalo,

Elizabeth Kuluwaimaka

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Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB23

Conference room: 225
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

I am a 7th generation Taro Farmer with Konohiki rights to the ancient Moli`i Fish Pond, Water Rights as declared by the First Circuit Court of Honolulu, and we have been here, now 9 generations – over 200 years. As maka`ainana, and mahi`ai we deserve representation with the Department of Land and Natural Resources to help keep their perspective on how relative the land is to the ocean and visa versa with the delicate and abundant natural resources of which we must be maintain sensitivity and a keen awareness so as not to abuse or misuse it. I am in support of SB23 for more importantly, I am in support of the sustainability of our natural and God given resources. Mahalo KeAkua.

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Testimony for WLH/HWN 2/12/2011 10:00:00 AM SB23

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Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Cheryl Lovell-Obatake
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Submitted on: 2/11/2011

Comments:

My name is Cheryl Ululani Lovell-Obatake. I am a resident of Nawiliwili, Kauai, and I am also the Aha Kiole Puna Moku Representative. I strongly support SB23.
Mahalo in advance.



KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

February 10, 2011

To: Senators Brickwood Galuteria and Donovan Dela Cruz, Chairs/and Members
Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land & Housing

From: Alice P. Hewett, President *Alice P Hewett*
Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

Re: S.B. 23, Relating to Native Hawaiians

Aloha Senators Galuteria and Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committees:

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club reaffirms its strong support for the creation of the statewide Aha Moku Council Commission, as approved by this Legislature and signed into law in 2007.

We recommend this bill be approved, with the following amendment:

References to the Aha Kiolo Commission should be replaced by the Aha Moku Council Commission, which would reconcile the purpose of this bill with the newly enacted Aha Moku Council law.

The Aha Moku Council Commission would oversee the Aha Moku System, which would be headed by an Aha Kiolo with members representing each island. We have no problem with that concept, but we ask that this Legislature reinforce the traditional methods of selecting this Council and the aha kiolo. The vision of the Aha Moku Council system, when first passed by the legislature, was to enable native Hawaiians on all of the islands to re-establish aha councils in each of their ahupua`a. These councils, traditionally, were made up of people with special expertise who would be consulted on matters affecting their ahupua`a.

The aha councils would then select a representative for their moku (or district), to serve on the island's mokupuni council. The mokupuni council would select the aha kiolo representative to sit on the Aha Moku Council Commission for matters that affect all of the islands.

That is the ideal protocol and traditional process, and we ask that any legislation that you consider passing reaffirm this process for selection of membership of either the aha kiolo or Aha Moku Council Commission.

Mahalo for this opportunity to give you our mana`o.

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SB 23

RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS – Aha Kiole Advisory Commission
Establishes the "Aha Kiole Advisory Commission placed within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to serve in an advisory capacity to the governor on all matters regarding the management of the State's land and natural resources.

Senate Committee of Hawaiian Affairs (HAW)
Sen. Brickwood Galuteria, *Chair* - Sen. Pohai Ryan, *Vice Chair*
Senate Committee of Water, Land & Housing (WLH)
Sen. Donovan M. Dela Cruz, *Chair* - Sen. Malama Solomon, *Vice Chair*
Public Hearing – Saturday, February 12, 2011
10:00 am, State Capital, Conference Room 225

Honorable Chair Galuteria and Members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,
Honorable Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Senate Committee on Water, Land & Housing,

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **strong support of SB 23**. It is very rare that a bill is presented to legislation that gives the community a voice to speak for the rights of the 'aina/land. Empowering the community to assist in the process of assessment, restoration and protection of their community resources by utilizing the traditional best management practices of the ahupua'a system of our kupuna/ancestors, may very well be the saving grace of our land, water and culture.

I have witnessed in the planning process where testimony of the community in opposition to development in an area falls on deaf ears. Although valid reasons of an historical, cultural and environmental nature are presented in opposition to development, it still passes and usually with conditions. Most times, the conditions are not followed and it's the community who brings that to the attention of the agencies that are suppose to be "watching". I've seen where, due to illegal grubbing and grading, an entire reef has been destroyed. Did you know, depending on the coral, it grows back .2 to 1 inch per year? I didn't, until it happened.

Just this past year, Kaua'i residents reported on possible environmental violations in the local newspaper. Reports of abandoned fishing nets in Anahola, dead shearwaters on beach in Ha'ena and chopping of old monkey pod trees in Kekaha by community members fell on deaf ears as indicated by the following reports.

A concerned citizen "made at least 20 phone calls to the state Department of Land and Natural Resources in the month after he first saw the men laying the net." Finally a Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement officer returned his call stating that someone had gone to the area, but did not see any floatation device or net. However, *the concerned citizen* had indicated that as of Monday, September 20, 2010, a round orange buoy still marked the spot where the net was first laid out. A Ha'ena resident, said his wife found at least six dead shearwaters while walking the beach near Ha'ena Point on Sept. 14th, 2010. There appeared to be a main puncture on each bird, adding that the bodies appeared "kinda mangled". A Kekaha resident said about 40 trees, including old growth monkey pods", were being cut down near the low-income housing project in Kekaha. On Monday, September 20, 2010, 20 men equipped with chainsaws and tractors, cut about 25 to 30 trees. The workers stated that the purpose of the cutting of trees was to install septic tanks in the area. The project is due to be hooked up to the county sewage system in the near future. However, members of the community stated that they were unaware and were not notified of this process and that the trees provided shade for the area, which is arid and hot. When will the aina, the environment and the community stop being a victim with limited rights?

The "ahupua'a" methodology, known as the "Watershed" concept in the mainland is being utilized with much success as a method to "meet water quality standards and protect water resources" as indicated by EPA. It is deemed as being useful by the EPA as a method for "persons working with impaired or threatened waters", which we are beginning to see happening in our once pristine waters.

Our ancestors utilized the Ahupua'a system and thrived, then we were forced to live another way and slowly the 'Aina and all her treasures, perishes. *We were the first to know and live Ahupua'a. Will we be the last to return back?*

Please, support the voice of the people; support the empowerment of our communities; support malama 'aina, kai and waiwai; **support the passage of SB 23.**

Mahalo, for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me:

Respectfully,

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Comments:

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Leiui Kanahele, Niihau Island

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 23, RELATING TO THE AHA KIOLE COMMISSION

Submitted to: Hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, and Housing

DATE: Saturday, February 12, 2011

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Room 225

Sent by: Leiui

Aloha Chair Galuteria and Members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee, and Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee on Water, Land and Housing,

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I support the creation of the Aha Moku System as it seems to be the best way that we can be consulted on the preservation and sensible use of the natural resources on and around Niihau.

Signed

Leiui Kanahele

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Leinaala Kahale, Niihau Island

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DATE: Saturday, February 12, 2011

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PLACE: Room 225

Sent by: Leinaala

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Kaleialoha Beniamina, Niihau Island
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Submitted to: Hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, and Housing
DATE: Saturday, February 12, 2011
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PLACE: Room 225
Sent by: Kaleialoha

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Iolama Beniamina, Niihau Ranch, Niihau Island
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 23, RELATING TO THE AHA KIOLE COMMISSION
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Sent by: Iolama

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Luana Kaohelauii, Niihau Ranch, Niihau Island
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Sent by: Luana

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Naumu Kaohelauii, Niihau Ranch, Niihau Island
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Sent by: Naumu

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Kauwila Pahulehua, Niihau Island
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Sent by: Kauwila

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Nakai Pahulehua, Niihau Ranch, Niihau Island
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Sent by: Nakai

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Ualani Pahulehua, Niihau Island

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Sent by: Ua

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Kamalamalama Kelley, Niihau Ranch, Niihau Island
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 23, RELATING TO THE AHA KIOLE COMMISSION
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Sent by: Kamalamalama

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Leiana Pahulehua Robinson, Niihau Ranch, Niihau Island
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Sent by: Leiana

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Lulubelle Kelley, Niihau School, Niihau Island
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DATE: Saturday, February 12, 2011
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Room 225
Sent by: Lulubelle

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Laurie Pahulehua, Niihau Island
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 23, RELATING TO THE AHA KIOLE COMMISSION
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DATE: Saturday, February 12, 2011
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
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Sent by: Laurie

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 23, RELATING TO THE AHA KIOLE COMMISSION

Submitted to: Hearing of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, and Housing
DATE: Saturday, February 12, 2011
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Room 225
Sent by: Kahelani

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