



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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House Committee on Higher Education
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by

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HB 1555 – RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Nakashima, and members of the House Committee on Higher Education:

The University of Hawai'i supports HB 1555 with a minor amendment.

The University of Hawai'i at Hilo is pleased to have this opportunity to testify regarding HB1555 that will create a research program on the stewardship of marine protected areas (MPA) at our University. The University is actively involved in research related to marine protected areas both in Hawaii and other countries. Much of this work is done by our Pacific Aquaculture and Coastal Resources Center as part of its role to develop sustainable coastal communities. We view this bill as an opportunity to develop improved MPA management systems that incorporate native Hawaiian fishing practices. Further, the study will provide information that will lead to greater understanding of marine protected areas by a wider circle of stakeholders.

We request that the bill be amended to specify that the UH-Hilo's Pacific Aquaculture and Coastal Resources Center will be responsible for submitting the proposals to obtain the specified federal funds and that, once those funds are obtained, the research will be conducted by the Center in cooperation with other UH departments.

Thank you again for this opportunity to testify.

HB 1555

Successvalues@aol.com [Successvalues@aol.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2011 10:47 PM**To:** HEDtestimony

RE: HB 1555

The Ocean is as important of a resource to malama as much as the Aina. Good care and wisdom in protecting the ocean, learning marine sustainable cycles and even aquaponics are all important arts and sciences that will become a bigger and bigger part of our health, the heath of the islands and the quality of our lifestyles. Vote yes, to merge western science with the wisdom of the Kupuna's in sharing knowledge.

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Support HB 1555 -- Relating to the University of Hawaii

Dotty KELLY [dotty.kelly@verizon.net]

Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 6:25 AM

To: HEDtestimony

I support HB 1555 to create a new field of study applying Native Hawaiian culture and knowledge and western science to manage marine protected areas and other aquatic resources, including aquaculture. We need this very much!

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From: Michelle Bello [hinanohomauna@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2011 6:51 AM
To: HEDtestimony
Subject: HB1555

Aloha. My name is Reni Bello I am a former DOE teacher .I just want to let you know I support this bill, so please pass it. Thank you .

address 197 Kilea Place Wahiawa ,Hawaii 96786 phone 225-0087.

On Thursday, HB 1555 -- Relating to the University of Hawaii: this bill would create a new field of study applying Native Hawaiian culture and knowledge and western science to manage marine protected areas and other aquatic resources, including aquaculture.

HB-1555

Alex M Luka [lukalex1@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 8:15 AM

To: HEDtestimony

I am in support of HB-1555, so please pass it. Alex M. Luka

Testimony for HB1555 on 2/3/2011 2:30:00 PM

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Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 8:47 AM

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Conference room: 309

Testifier position: support

Testifier will be present: No

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Comments:

HB 1555 - Oppose this measure! Do not Pass!

Garth Brooks [brooks.garth99@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 9:52 AM

To: HEDtestimony

HB 1555 - Oppose this measure! Do not Pass!

We need to cut spending in this state and not increase spending unless it has a larger return on investment! We should look for ways to invest a small amount of taxpayer money that will return a larger return on investment without increasing the budget.