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

**Before the House Committees on
CULTURE & THE ARTS
and
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, February 16, 2011
9:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1637
RELATING TO THE STATE TREE**

LATE TESTIMONY

The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports the merit of this bill changing the state tree to the ohia lehua (*Metrosideros polymorpha*) from kukui (*Aleurites moluccana*). The ohia lehua is an endemic tree, the most common tree found in our native forests, and the foundation of our forest ecosystem. The ohia lehua also has great cultural significance and represents well our unique island home and culture.

The kukui tree should continue to be recognized as the official "State Polynesian Introduced Tree".

CUAtestimony

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Conference room: 329
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sam 'Ohu Gon
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Comments:

It is a good idea to have a state tree that is found only in the state.

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Comments:

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From: Paul Brennan [drpbrennan@yahoo.com]
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LATE TESTIMONY

In support of House Bill 1637, I wish to support the establishment of the ohai ali'i as our state tree.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Brennan, Ph.D.