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**LATE TESTIMONY**

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To: The Honorable Jerry L. Chang, Chair  
and Members of the House Committee on Water, Land, and Ocean Resources

The Honorable Denny Coffman, Chair  
and Members of the House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection

Date: Friday, February 10, 2012  
Time: 9:00 A.M.  
Place: Conference Room 325, State Capitol

From: Frederick D. Pablo, Director  
Department of Taxation

Re: H.B. No. 2094, Relating to Environmental Disaster Response

The Department of Taxation (Department) defers to the Department of Budget and Finance regarding the merits of H.B. 2094 and whether an increase in the "barrel tax" is necessary at this time.

H. B. 2094 establishes a special fund for wildlife recovery and rehabilitation in the event of an oil or fuel-related disaster, as well as raising the tax on petroleum products from \$1.05 per barrel to \$1.07 per barrel as of July 1, 2012. The increase in barrel tax revenues will go to a newly-established special fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2012 4:36 PM  
**To:** WLOtestimony  
**Cc:** harley\_everhome@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB2094 on 2/10/2012 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for WLO/EEP 2/10/2012 9:00:00 AM HB2094

Conference room: 325  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Gary M. Goodrich  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [harley\\_everhome@yahoo.com](mailto:harley_everhome@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

Chairperson Coffman and members of the Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection:

Chairperson Chang and members of the Committee on Water, Land, and Ocean Resources:

I am in support of H.B. 2094.

I believe that Hawai'i needs a permanent wildlife treatment and rehabilitation facility because of the constant transport of petroleum to our islands.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Goodrich

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2012 7:25 PM  
**To:** WLOtestimony  
**Cc:** oldsaltp@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for HB2094 on 2/10/2012 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 325  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Pete Hendricks  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [oldsaltp@yahoo.com](mailto:oldsaltp@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

I have been a supporter, volunteer, and board member since Hawaii Wildlife Center was formed. In the past 5 years, we have built local and statewide financial support and secured funding to build and equip a native wildlife recovery and treatment facility serving Hawaii and the central Pacific. Help us to support the Center with long term operational funding. Hawaii Wildlife Center is the only agency meeting all Federal, State, and local criteria for treatment, rehabilitation, research and education related to native wildlife. Aloha...Pete Hendricks, Kamuela, Hawaii.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**Cc:** Robertkaiwi@gmail.com  
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Conference room: 325  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Robert Kaiwi  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [Robertkaiwi@gmail.com](mailto:Robertkaiwi@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

**Comments:**

We have to protect our birds and other wildlife and not wait for a disaster to happen, like a major oil spill, and find we are woefully unprepared. Protecting our endangered birds should be an ongoing initiative.

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I support HB2094 and the mission of the Hawaii Wildlife Center (HWC), which includes education and research in conjunction with native wildlife rescue and conservation. HWC provides vital expertise and facilities for the care and protection of Hawaii's native species and is a worthy recipient of the proposed wildlife recovery and rehabilitation special fund. HWC Board President, Linda Elliot and Vice President Robert Shallenberger share a broad range of knowledge and expertise in matters relating to Hawaii's unique fauna and the multiple factors threatening its survival.

I believe it is important to increase the environmental response, energy, and food security tax in order to support wildlife protection in Hawaii.

Wendy Johnson

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February 8, 2012.

Aloha. I support HB 2094, which would appropriate funds for the wildlife recovery and rehabilitation special fund. In our fossil fuel dependent economy, the unfortunate chance of environmental harm due to oil and fuel related disasters are high. The special fund is necessary to have on hand to aid in the recovery and rehabilitation of avian wildlife in the case of such a scenario. The Hawaii Wildlife Center has been built and stands ready to be operational in this capacity if funded adequately. The community partnerships that have come together to realize the construction and organization of the center is a testimony to the dedication to their mission to help the wildlife of Hawaii. The native birdlife of Hawaii is a legacy to the world that is a part of the priceless treasure of our native and unique flora and fauna. We have lost so much of our indigenous and endemic flora and fauna. We cannot afford to lose any more. It is possible to reverse this trend, but, it takes the cooperation of all of us to create a future that will give our native wildlife a chance of thriving. HB 2094, is just one step in the right direction.

Aloha and mahalo for allowing me the privilege to provide this testimony,

Leland Miyano, Artist, Author, and Concerned Citizen

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Conference room: 325  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Aaron Spielman  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [aspelman7@hotmail.com](mailto:aspelman7@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

**Comments:**

I support this bill in its entirety with no amendments. Rehabilitation of native wildlife reflects an important opportunity to showcase our commitment to the environment and Hawaii's unique resources. The Hawaii Wildlife Center will perform duties that no other facility in the State currently performs. A portion of the Barrel Tax should be allocated to the HWC to support continued functioning of the facility.

## One of a kind.

The Hawai'i Wildlife Center is a 501(3)(c) non-profit organization with the mission of *protecting, conserving, and aiding in the recovery of Hawai'i's native wildlife through hands-on treatment, research, training, science education and cultural programs.*

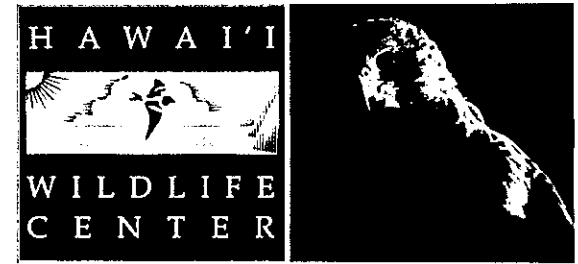
The HWC is the first organization exclusively for native Hawaiian wildlife and serves to provide state-of-the-art care and rehabilitation as well as comprehensive wildlife rescue training and public education and outreach programs.



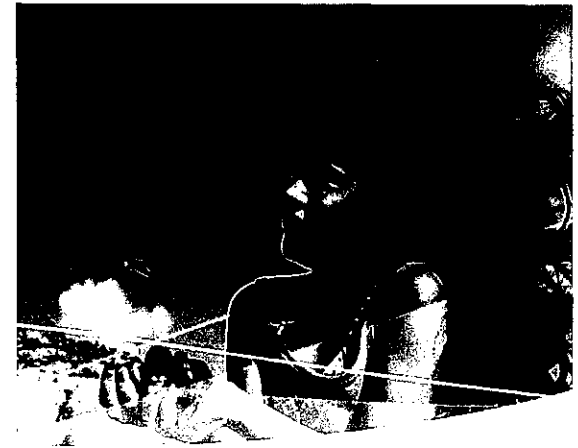
Thank you for your interest in the Hawai'i Wildlife Center. We look forward to working with you to give Hawai'i's wonderful native species a fighting chance at survival.

The Hawai'i Wildlife Center

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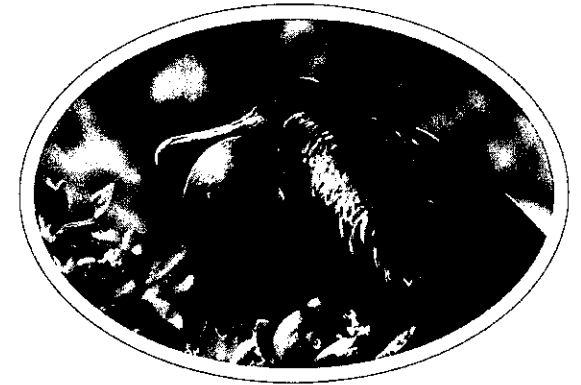


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# Priceless.

Hawai'i's endemic wildlife represents a beautifully unique portrait of nature. Found nowhere else outside of Hawai'i, these species unfortunately include the most endangered and threatened species in the world. In addition, there are more than fourteen million seabirds that rely on habitats in the Hawaiian archipelago for survival. Once highly respected by Hawaiian royalty, these species represent a slice of Hawaiiana and a respect for nature that is quickly disappearing.



Rob Shallenberger

## Allow yourself the fulfillment of protecting species found nowhere else in the world.

By partnering with us, you could play an important role in the preservation of Hawai'i's native wildlife, its natural richness and cultural heritage. You and your loved ones will be able to experience the natural beauty of our island home and the remarkable species that populate it without having to worry that one day it may all suddenly disappear.

Your charitable contribution will support treatment, research, training, science education, cultural programs and wildlife recovery work. Your gift will help support a long-needed facility to sustain biodiversity in Hawai'i, and will contribute to the nurturing care of native wildlife for release into natural habitats.

*Donate*

One-time, monthly and annual donation options are available, as well as the option of making a memorial gift, honorary gift, or becoming a member of the Hawai'i Wildlife Center Stewardship Society. If you would like to donate using a credit card, debit card or PayPal account, please visit our website. Also available for download through our website is a mail/fax donation form with more information on your donation options. Please make all checks payable to the *Hawai'i Wildlife Center*.

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