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Testimony for HAW 2/15/2012 9:00:00 AM HB2848

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ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN
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PROVIDING COMMENTS TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

HB 2848 HD 1, RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

February 15, 2012

Chair Hanohano, Vice-Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands offers the following comments on HB 2848 HD 1.

DHHL supports this measure to the extent that it calls for the planning of a pu'uhonua, or wellness center, to provide substance abuse treatment and intervention programs aimed at supporting the native Hawaiian community and the community at-large. We acknowledge that a part of the community who would benefit from this type of program are Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries. Further, we appreciate the outreach effort outlined in this bill to our department.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Comments:

We need a better "mouse trap" to replace the current prison system with its extremely high recidivism rate. Authorizing the Department of Public Safety to work cooperatively with Ohana Ho`opakele and other restorative/healing justice groups to prepare alternative plans is a step in the right direction. Alternatives may include the creation of a pu`uhonua (place of refuge) where hooponopono can be carried out. The site of the former Kulani correctional facility is an excellent site for such healing to occur.

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Comments:

* 2.15.12 HAW Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB 2848 HD1

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Room 329

LATE TESTIMONY

STRONG SUPPORT FOR HB 2848 HD1 – ESTABLISHING PU`UHONUA ON EACH ISLAND

Aloha Chair Hanohano, Vice Chairs Lee and Members of the Committee

Mahalo for the opportunity to speak to you today. I am Ululani Harwood-Wakinekona. I am able to speak first hand for the strong need to support HB 2848 HD1 which requires PSD to plan for a model wellness center that employs Native Hawaiian practices on state land and to submit a report to the legislature prior to the 2013 legislative session.

I am living daily with the need for establishing a Pu`uhonua/wellness center that uses traditional practices that will resonate with and restore an individual. As an instructor and life-long practitioner of ho`oponopono, huna and other cultural procedures of wellness I am learning firsthand how difficult the healing process is for someone who has been incarcerated.

I can see through my relationship with my husband who was incarcerated on foreign soil for over four decades, the serious destruction his children and extended ohana have suffered. There is an enormous need for mihi (forgiveness) between generations. I watched as he first touched the aina and huki kalo, the sun upon his face, the breeze caressing his skin, the song of the birds and the peace that came over him. My husband is a great-grandfather who has never met his four grandsons, each of whom has a need to know him but because of the separation distance during his incarceration, lack communication skills, the bridge to healing and finding closure may never take place.

These grandchildren, great grandchildren are the future of our homeland and culture, they must first know where they come from in order to know where they are going, and without the healing and harmony in a family unit, our cultural future will fade. The parents are not bad, their choices that took them into incarceration were wrong please don't let our future suffer by making a wrong choice, our children's children deserve correct choices, make the right choice to urge the department to bring practitioners and other interested parties to the table to discuss how this could best be accomplished.

Using practices that connect individuals to the `aina, their `ohana, and the larger community is vital to what this session of the legislature strives for...strengthening families and reducing recidivism. Let's educate not incarcerate. We are pleased to see this bill moving and we urge you, as policymakers, to encourage the department to work on real alternatives to incarceration and reentry that have been used and proven. We urge the committee to pass this important bill. We need to find alternative means to reintegrate our people who have lost their way. Establishing Pu`uhonua is a wonderful way to rebuild our communities. Mahalo for allowing me to share my mana'o on this very important concern to our culture and community.

manahan2 - Karen

From: uncle joe [puuhonua2@gmail.com]
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ALOHA KAKAHIKA AND GOOD MORNING M CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. MY NAME RENWICK VALENTINE ILI ILIPUNA TASSILL ALSO KNOWN AS UNCLE JOE.

MAHALO PIHA WE ARE THANKFUL TO YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO TESTIFY IN FAVOR OF HB2848 TO RE-ESTABLISH THE CULTURAL PRACTICE AT THE PUUHONUA WHICH INCLUDES,

PULE, THE PRACTICE OF PRAYER, TO BRING ONE INTO THE PRESENCE OF THE AKUA SO ONE WILL BE REMINDED THAT ALL IS POSSIBLE WITH THE ALMIGHTY.

HOOPONOPONO THE PRACTICE OF HEALING. TO MAKE RIGHT TO BRING TOGETHER ALL INVOLVED TO HEAL FEELINGS OF ANGER AND HURT BOUGHT ON BY A NUMBER OF NEGATIVE ACTS AND WRONG DOINGS AGAINST ANOTHER AND IN MOST CASES FAMILY AND CLOSE FRIENDS.

MIHI, TO ASK FOR FORGIVENESS, AND THRU A SERIES OF PRAYER ONE MAY BE FORGIVEN. THIS IS COMPLETE WHEN FORGIVENESS IS GIVEN IN RETURN.

ALOHA AINA, TO LOVE AND CARE FOR THE LAND WHICH IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS,

PART 1. MAHI AI, TO STEWARD, TO NURTURE, CARE AND CULTIVATE THE LAND, TO CARE FOR THAT WHICH YOU HAVE CULTIVATED, TO BRING IT TO BEAR FRUIT AND RIPEN, TO REAP AND HARVEST THAT FRUIT IN ORDER FOR ONE TO CONSUME AND ENJOY THE FRUIT OF ONE'S LABOR.

PART 2 LAAU LAPAAU

IS THE SAME PROCESS OF MAHI AI, HOWEVER THE HEALING IS FOR THE BODY, IF ONE HAS A STRONG BODY ONE IS ABLE TO WITHSTAND THE PRESSURES AND TEMPTATIONS WHEN ONE IS TEMPTED TO REPEAT THE HURT AND WRONG.

IN RETROSPECT THE METAPHOR OR KAUNA OF THIS IS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS THE SEED TAKEN TO ITS MATURITY TO FRUIT AND THEN THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE

THE PROCESS IS THE HEALING OF THE SPIRIT AND BODY SO ONE CAN ENJOY AND CELEBRATE WITH THEM HE OR SHE HAS OFFENDED THE HAPPINESS OF RE-ENTRY.

ALOHA AINA OR CARING FOR THE LAND AND EVERYTHING WITHIN IT IS LIKE CARING FOR ONESELF AND EVERYONE WITH AND AROUND YOU

LOMILOMI TO LAY AND MASSAGE HEALING HANDS ONTO ONE'S BODY IN ORDER TO RELEASE HURT, PAIN, ANGER AND HEAVY FEELINGS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN BOUGHT ON BY OVERWORK, PHYSICAL INJURY TO ONESELF OR IN SOME CASES BY HURTING OTHERS, THE HEAVY FEELINGS WITHIN ONESELF, KAUMAHA.

ALOHA I KEKAHI I KEKAHI, TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER THE LOVE FOR FELLOW MAN AS ONE WOULD EXPECT OF OTHERS, TOGETHERNESS.

THIS MAY BE BUT A FEW PARTS OF THE HEALING PROCESS THAT IS WITHIN THE PUUHONUA WHICH I AM AWARE OF AND I AM SURE THERE ARE OTHERS, DIFFERENT LEVELS DEPENDENT UPON THE SEVERITY OF THE PROBLEM.

AGAIN AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, THIS IS THE KAUNA, METHAPHOR FROM THE SEED TO THE HARVEST. WHAT THE IMPORTANT PART OF THIS IS THE TIME SPENT WITH THE PROCESS, THE CARE AND CULTIVATION LIKE THE SEED FROM THE TIME OF CONVICTION TO THE TIME OF RELEASING. AS ONE NURTURES AND CARES FOR THE SEED THERE ARE GOOD TIMES WHEN THE WEATHER IS GOOD AND THE GROTH IS GOOD, THEN THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THE WEATHER IS BAD AND THE GROTH IS STUNTED. VERY MUCH LIKE THE PROVESS WITHIN THE PUAHONUA, IN SOME CASES THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES BUT IN MOST CASES THE END RESULT IS FAVORABLE. BECAUSE OF THE HIGH RATE OF INDIVIALES RETURNING TO PRISON WITH THE ESCALATING COST OF INCARCERATION, IT IS PROOF THAT INCARNATION AND PRISONS DON'T WORK, THESE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT HAS BEEN WASTED OVER THE PAST THREE DECADES IS SHAMEFUL. THESE MONEY'S COULD BE BETTER INVESTED IN OUR FUTURE THE EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN.

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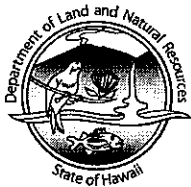
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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2012
9:00AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2820, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO HAWAIIAN FISHPONDS**

House Bill 2820, House Draft 1 proposes to amend Chapter 183B, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to establish the east Honolulu fishpond heritage area. The purposes of the area would be to preserve cultural and historical sites; preserve and protect native Hawaii fish, plants and endangered birds in the area; protect spring water sources; provide a site for future public interpretation of the fishponds' cultural, biological and historical areas; and provide for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and stocking of fishponds subject to Section 171-28, HRS. DLNR offers the following comments.

The properties identified in the bill are owned in fee by the State Department of Transportation (DOT), and not DLNR. The properties were acquired in condemnation proceedings with federal highway funds in connection with DOT's Kalia Highway road widening project. Please be aware that in the event the properties are offered to be transferred by DOT to DLNR at gratis¹, DLNR would still need to conduct the necessary due diligence prior to a recommendation and final decision by the Board of Land and Natural Resources on any acquisition.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

¹ DLNR is in no position to compensate DOT for the lands, and certainly unable to pay fair market value.

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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