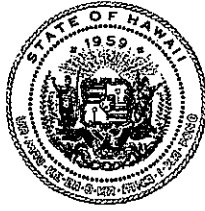


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**Testimony of  
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.  
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on  
FINANCE**

**Tuesday, March 1, 2011  
2:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 850, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO FISHING**

House Bill 850, House Draft 1 would establish a community-based fishery resource management area around the Island of Lanai, an advisory committee within the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department), to develop traditional fishery management practices, and to advise the Department on proposed rules for the take of fishery resources. It also proposes an unspecified sum to be expended in Fiscal Year 2012 for the program's development, and includes an effective date of July 1, 3000. The Department opposes this bill.

Establishing an advisory committee within the Department to provide advice on bill provisions relating to developing a plan for rule adoption, prioritizing important species for management and understanding their life cycles, other education and enforcement initiatives, would conflict with the existing mission of the Department, and would add another layer of management to the decision-making process. This would require Department staff to assist the committee on the bill's new initiatives, increase expenses, and tax an already-deficient manpower situation.

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**Testimony before the  
House Committee on Finance  
Agenda #5**

**H.B. 850, H.D. 1 -- Relating to Fishing**

**Tuesday, March 1, 2011  
2:00 p.m., Conference Room 308**

**By Robbie Alm  
Executive Vice-President  
Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.**

Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee,

This testimony is being submitted on behalf of Hawaiian Electric Company and its subsidiary utility, Maui Electric Company.

We support H.B. 850, H.D. 1 which is intended to incorporate indigenous resource practices in establishing a community-based fishery resource management area for the island of Lanai. During community meetings on the proposed wind farm project and in discussions during the community's visioning process we heard concerns about over-fishing and how it threatened the island's subsistence lifestyle. This bill will help to address those concerns by creating an advisory committee of Lanai residents with knowledge of traditional practices in the management of fishery resources. It enables the committee to develop and implement a community-based fishery resource management area program for the island to promote the sustainable use of marine resources.

This bill is among several bills that have been introduced this legislative session which address some concerns and desires raised by residents during community discussions on the wind farm project. If the wind farm is built on Lanai and the power sent to Oahu, it seems only fair to provide the island with the resources necessary to meet critical community needs. We strongly urge this committee to pass this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



## Testimony in support of HB850 HD1 with reservations, Relating to Fishing

Submitted to: The Committee on Finance

From: Kitty M. Simonds, President Maunaloa Hawaiian Civic Club

Aloha Chairman Marcus Oshiro and members of the Committee on Finance,

HB850 proposes the establishment of an Aha Ki'ole Advisory Committee within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to advise the Governor and the Legislature on the management of the Lana'i's natural resources. The Maunaloa Hawaiian Civic Club supports the idea of community-based management of fishery resources but as a part of the larger Aha Ki'ole Advisory Commission. This measure creates a system that is already being established on Lana'i by the Aha Ki'ole Advisory Committee created by Act 212 in 2007. This committee should properly be incorporated into HB1154, Relating to the 'Aha Ki'ole Commission or SB23, Relating to Native Hawaiians.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, division of Aquatic resources has a process, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HRA) to designate Fishery Management Areas (FMA) and Marine Life Conservation Districts (MLCD) as evidenced by the Manele-Hulupoe MLCD and the Manele Harbor FMA. This same administrative procedure can be used to accomplish the task that is being proposed by HB850.

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