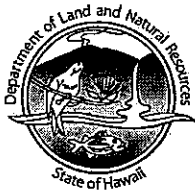


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Testimony of  
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.  
Chairperson

Before the House Committee on  
WATER, LAND & OCEAN RESOURCES

Friday, March 30, 2012  
11:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of  
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 61/HOUSE RESOLUTION 41  
IN SUPPORT OF DECLARING THE SERPENTS HEAD COWRY SHELL AS THE  
HAWAII STATE SEA SHELL

House Concurrent Resolution 61/House Resolution 41 would designate the serpent's head cowry (*Monetaria caputserpentis*) as the State Sea Shell. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) takes no position on these resolutions and offers the following comments.

The Department notes that the serpent's head cowry also known as (*Cypraea caputserpentis*) is a common species of cowry in the Indo-Pacific region and one of the most common cowries in Hawaii. There are about 35 species of cowries in Hawaii with eight species being endemic. This Committee may want to consider choosing one of the endemic species as the State Sea Shell to recognize its uniqueness to these islands.

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March 29, 2012

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND & OCEAN RESOURCES (WLO)  
Representative Jerry L Chang, Chair  
Representative Sharon E Har, Vice Chair

Notice of Hearing

DATE: Friday, March 30, 2012  
TIME: 11:00AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 325  
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RE: Testimony OPPOSING HCR 61 & HR 41 (IN SUPPORT OF DECLARING THE SERPENT'S HEAD COWRY SHELL AS THE HAWAII STATE SEA SHELL)

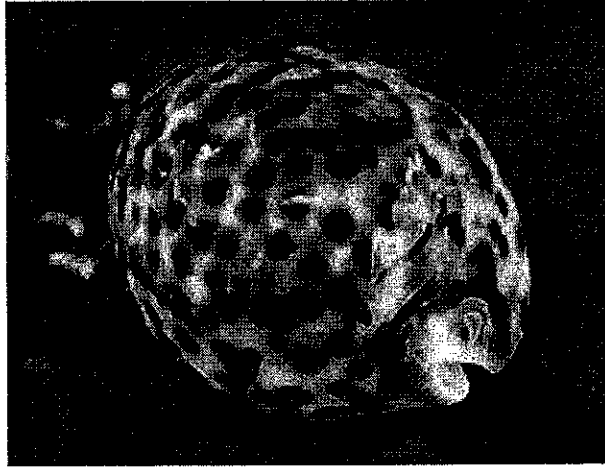
*Aloha* Chair Chang, Vice Chair Har & Committee Members,

I'm a lifetime resident of *Mokule'ia* with lineage spanning several generations here in *Waialua Moku*. I'm active community and cultural affairs serving on entities as the *North Shore Neighborhood Board 27 (Sub-District 1 – Mokule'ia to Ka'ena)*, *Ka'ena Point Advisory Group (KPAG – Cultural Delegate)* and *Mokule'ia Community Association (Cultural Advisor)*. However, I'm presenting testimony as an individual

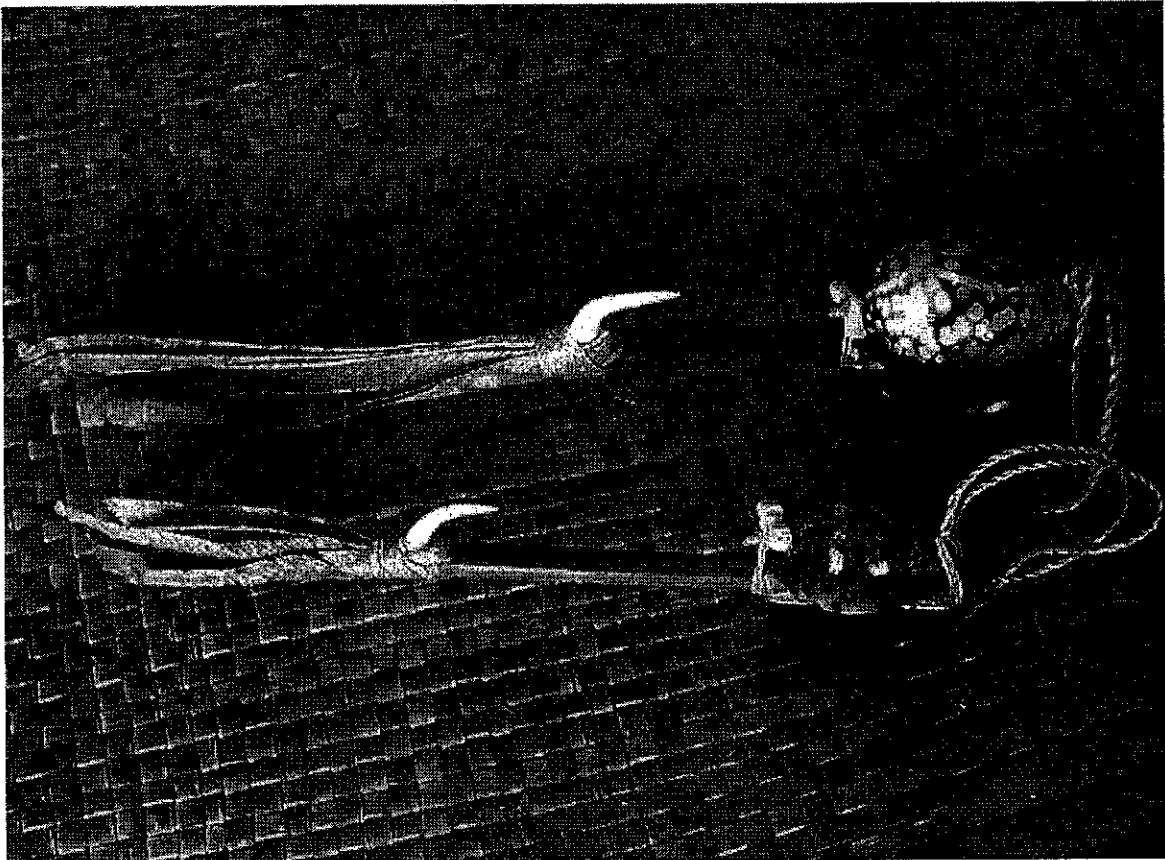
Fishing and Farming (*emphasis on Kalo productivity*) are paramount in my family legacy. Within those parameters, is catching *he'e (Octopus)*. The species of Cowry used by *Lawai'a (fishermen)* used lures (*Ka Lawai'a Luhe'e*) to catch *He'e (octopus)* is the *Tiger Cowry* found here in *Hawai'i* therefore, has more value than aesthetic or cosmetic value. (<http://www.mauioceancenter.com>). If the *Tiger Cowry* was given this distinction and recognition, I feel it would have a lot of support.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my *mana'o* opposing HCR 61 & HR 41 in its current form. *Malama Pono.*

*Thomas T Shirai Jr*  
*Mokule'ia, Waialua*



*Tiger Cowry*



*Octopus Lure (Ka Lawai'a Luhe'e)*

*Polk's Phone Directory - 1910*  
*Kaaemoku Kakulu - Great=Great Grandfather*  
*Fisherman-Mokule'ia, Waialua*

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