

LATE TESTIMONY

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Rep., Jerry L. Chang, Chair
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Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources

Regarding Measure number HCR61 / HR41

Meeting time March 30, 2012 at 1100 am conference room 325 Hawaii State Capitol

I am Doctor Jennifer Zafrani and the mother of Edmund and Weston Zafrani, the proponents of this resolution for a Hawaii state shell, asking you to please vote "yes" on HCR61 / HR41..

Here are three key points why Hawaii should have the serpents head cowrie be the official shell.

1. For educational purposes in the classroom teaching keiki about the important role of the serpent's head cowrie in Hawaii's oceans.
2. To protect it from endangerment as it is becoming harder to find.
3. To honor the Hawaiian people and their use of Leho Kupa (serpent's head cowrie) in Hawaiian history.

This proposed resolution helps anchor the State of Hawaii to its past peoples and culture.

Please consider these 3 points and vote "YES" on HCR61 / HR41 and thank you for time.

Aloha and mahalo,

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I am Edmund Zafrani and one of the proponents of this resolution for a Hawaii state shell, asking you to please vote "yes" on HCR61 / HR41..

I was born here in Hawaii and go to school at Holy Family Catholic Academy. I was doing a research paper on Hawaii and discovered there was no state rock. Then Weston and I discovered there was no Hawaii state shell. So we decided to do something about it and asked my mom for help. We talked with Rep. Lee and she thought it was a good idea and submitted resolutions for the Hawaii State rock and the Hawaii State shell.

I am so happy to be here today and hope that everyone here agrees with me that the serpent's head cowrie should be the Hawaii State shell. The cowrie is very beautiful and I love finding them on the beach.

Mahalo for your time and please vote yes.

Aloha,

Edmund Zafrani

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I am Weston Zafrani and one of the proponents of this resolution for a Hawaii state shell, asking you to please vote "yes" on HCR61 / HR41..

I was born here in Hawaii and go to school at Holy Family Catholic Academy. My brother said there was no state rock and no state shell. I said why not make the state shell the cowries we find on the beach. They are pretty awesome.

I know you would like them too, so please vote yes to make it the state shell.

Aloha,

Weston Zafrani

