

LATE TESTIMONY

April 12, 2012

TO: House Water, Land and Ocean Resources Committee

FROM: Ahahui Siwila Hawaii o Kapolei

HCR 87 URGING THE UNITED STATES TO RECOGNIZE THE RECOVERY OF HAWAIIAN GREEN SEA TURTLES AND BEGIN THE ACTIVE MANAGEMENT OF THIS IMPORTANT SPECIES

Ahahui Siwila Hawaii o Kapolei is a Hawaiian Civic Club established and operating in Kapolei, Oahu. We would like it known that we support House Concurrent Resolution 87 re: the recovery of Hawaiian Green Sea Turtles. We appreciate the efforts of our civic club colleagues from East Oahu in bringing this issue to our convention where we could deliberate and take a position by the House of Delegates.

We would also like it known that we strongly disagreed with the action of the committee in gutting the original resolution in favor of Korea Town. We appreciate the reconsideration and return to the original language of HCR 87.

Rona Rodenhurst, President

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 9:43 PM
To: WLOtestimony
Cc: kaiwilauula@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for HCR87 on 4/12/2012 11:30:00 AM

Testimony for WLO 4/12/2012 11:30:00 AM HCR87

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Vanda Hanakahi
Organization: Aha Moku Advisory Committee
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Submitted on: 4/11/2012

Comments:

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To: Rep. Jerry Chang, Chair
Rep. Sharon Har, Vice-Chair
And Members
Water, Land & Ocean Resources Committee

From: Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa
O`ahu Liaison – Aha Moku Program

Re: HCR87, Urging the United States to Recognize the Recovery of the Hawaiian Green Sea Turtle and Begin Active Management of this Important Species - SUPPORT

HCR87, H.D. 1, Urging the Establishment of Koreatown and Development Of a Master Plan for the Development of a Koreatown - OPPOSED

Aloha, Chair Chang, Vice Chair Har, and Members of this Committee:

As a cultural practitioner from Ko`olaupoko, I wish to speak in support of the original language of House Concurrent Resolution 87, and in opposition to HCR87, House Draft 1.

I live in He`eia-Kea, right on Kane`ohe bay. Our family has been in the area for over 200 years. We regularly monitor the bay, and are aware of the types of ocean resources and whether they are plentiful or diminishing.

In the case of the Hawaiian honu, the green sea turtle, I can speak from first-hand experience that the turtles are becoming so numerous, they could overrun the bay.

For those of you who may not be aware, the honu is a favored food of Hawaiian people; the restrictions on collection of the honu, over the past years, has separated us from one of the foods that nourished our people for thousands of years.

While we realize that the listing of the honu as an endangered species occurred because the turtles were becoming scarcer at one time, the honu is now plentiful and the kapu should be lifted.

We also suggest that the Hawaiian kapu system would be a much more efficient and culturally appropriate way to manage these resources, and urge the state of Hawai`i and the U.S. government to consider using our traditional ways to ensure perpetuation and use of our ocean resources.

Please do not keep the new language in this resolution – we ask that you reinstate the original language and pass it out of this committee.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share my mana`o.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 7:44 AM
To: WLOtestimony
Cc: owlit1@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HR61 on 4/12/2012 11:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 325
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Frances Pueo
Organization: Hui Pono Holoholona
E-mail: owlit1@gmail.com
Submitted on: 4/12/2012

Comments:

I, Frances Pueo, oppose HR 61 & HCR. Do not delist as it is too premature to take the Hawaiian Green Turtle from the threaten list under the Endangered Species Act. Presently, Global Warming is causing environmental climatic and underwater changes. So much so, that scientist do not know the extent of toxic damage to animal and plant life is ongoing including the increase methane gases being released. The threat is very real to our turtles, dolphins, whales, etc., yes even to us. So again, it would be premature to take these precious animals off the endangered and protection list when their environment is under siege, which will cause egg laying decrease, premature deaths, unhealthy newborns, and increased disease within this species.

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Submitted by: Ginger Towle, President
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Submitted on: 4/11/2012

Comments:

It is vital for the survival of these marvelous creatures that we take responsibility and protect them. It is not only the humane thing to do but the right thing so that they will be here for the coming generations. It is our responsibility!!

From: Joanne Pettigrew [Laniakea1@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 3:59 PM
To: WLOtestimony
Subject: Oppose HR 87 and HR 61 - Save the Honu

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From: Tabitha Fordham [Tfordham622@gmail.com]
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Thank you for this important consideration and hope we can protect the honu turtles.

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Rather than adopt these resolutions, which speculate on the Hawaiian Green Sea Turtle's recovery in the absence of supporting data, I ask you to engage in the ongoing federal process and oppose HCR 87 and HR 61.

Mahalo,

Tia Rose MSc.

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Leimana DaMate
Testimony IN SUPPORT
Of HCR 87 / HR 61

LATE TESTIMONY

**URGING THE UNITED STATES TO RECOGNIZE THE RECOVERY OF HAWAIIAN GREEN SEA
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Committee on Water, Land & Ocean Resources

Thursday, April 12, 2012; 11:30 a.m., Room 325

Aloha Chair Chang, Vice Chair Har and Members of the Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources;

On behalf of my kupuna and 'ohana, I offer testimony in support of HCR 87 and HR 61 which urges the U.S. to recognize the recovery of the Hawaiian green sea honu (turtles) and begin active management of this important species.

The Hawaiian green sea turtle was once a standard part of the diet for my family for many generations. My parents, grandparents and our very large extended family consistently caught and ate the honu in the appropriate seasons making sure that the species was sustained so that there would always be an available resource. Unfortunately, me generation was not afforded the opportunity to partake in this traditional food resource. We urge the passage of HCR 87 and HR 61 for the following reasons:

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Our families number among the general population of Native Hawaiians and depend on the ocean and its resources to sustain us. That sustainability includes the restoration of the management of the green sea turtle. We support the passage of HCR 87 and HR 61.

Mahalo,

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Thank you very much for your consideration.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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To: WLOtestimony
Cc: reefgirlmaui@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HCR87 on 4/12/2012 11:30:00 AM

LATE TESTIMONY

Testimony for WLO 4/12/2012 11:30:00 AM HCR87

Conference room: 325
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Cheryl Sterling
Organization: Individual
E-mail: reefgirlmaui@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 4/12/2012

Comments:

I am opposed to HCR 87 and HR 61 that propose delisting the green sea turtle as a threatened species in Hawaii.

Our marine ecosystem that comprises the turtle's habitat poses unmitigated challenges for the turtle's long term survival, including marine debris, pollution, ocean acidification and disturbance of coastal nesting sites. Recent research by Dr. Kyle Van Houten presented by NOAA's Sanctuary has found that turtles are in fact sentinels of their environment, and science now correlates the frequency of FP tumors in turtles to a diet of invasive algae grown off nitrogen from injection wells and other land based sources.

Significant threats exist and are escalating for turtles, they are not a recovered species. Please oppose these measures, and enact laws that protect our fragile marine environment from further degradation. Mahalo.

har2-Samantha

From: Matt Ellerbeck [mattellerbeck@turtleconservationist.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 6:30 AM
To: WLOtestimony
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LATE TESTIMONY

Dear Mr.

Dear Chairman and Committee,

My name is Matt Ellerbeck and I am a Turtle Conservationist.

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From: Graydon Keala [jokoia.consulting@hotmail.com]
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To: WLOtestimony
Subject: Support HCR 87-Hawaiian Green Sea Turtles

April 12, 2012

To: House Water, Land and Ocean Resources Committee
From: Buddy Keala, Kalihiwai, Kauai
Support HCR 87 Hawaiian Green Sea Turtles

As a subsistence fisherman I have noticed an increase of Hawaiian Green Sea Turtles and also the sharks that follow them.

I support State management of the HGST based on good data. Those who say the HGST is still endangered and should not be de-listed should also produce their data.

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From: Heidi Better [Heidibetter@gmail.com]
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LATE TESTIMONY

Hawaii State House of Representatives
Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources
Representative Jerry Chang, Chair
Representative Sharon Har, Vice Chair

Thursday April 12, 2012
Conference Room 325 11:30 am

RE: Opposed to HCR 87/HR61 – Opposed to Delisting the Endangered Hawaiian Green Sea Turtle

Aloha Chair Jerry Chang, Vice Chair Sharon Har and Members of the House
Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources:

Thank you for the time to speak to you about the Hawaiian Green Sea Turtle's plight to survive. I am here today to ask you to terminate this resolution because it is a deceptive initiative and will not benefit Hawaii's people. This deception is being steered by the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (Wespac), a federal funded large scaled fishing industry organization, that spends taxpayer's money to distract Pacific ocean communities from real ocean ecosystems issues.

The real issue here is that currently long liners are taking too many green sea turtles as "by-catch" and breaking fishing rules and ESL laws. And I remind you that Wespac employees are restricted from lobbying at the State legislature on issues pertaining to federal laws. Wespac's illegal lobbying effort at the Hawaii legislature was the primary reason for the GAO investigation of Wespac in 2006-2007.

Wespac is not acting responsibly in its management of the long line industry's taking of Hawaii's Green Sea Turtle, a protected endangered marine species. Rather than do its job with care and diligence, Wespac has systematically agitated a handful of older people in Hawaii, my generation and older that still has a taste for turtle flesh. Wespac rallied this group at a Wespac fishers forum last summer and gave them "sound bites" to encourage them to think it is OK to admit to poaching and consuming turtles. This is an irresponsible use of public funds, and just plain sad exploitation of the aging, as well as being a cruel and illegal campaign to consume life going extinct.

Many people in the Pacific are aware of Wespac's reputation of using devious political methods to compensate for their negligence of duties, such as overfishing and going beyond the legal limits of by catch of endangered marine life. It would be extremely irresponsible for the State of Hawaii to join in this irrational game to exploit Hawaii's vulnerable ocean species.

It is difficult to delist any of our unique Hawaiian ocean species at this time because neither the state nor the federal government has yet to address the common denominator of Hawaiian species epidemic decline in ocean and terrestrial habitat due to human encroachment. For this reason we remain the extinction and endangered species capitol of the world and we will continue to have that dubious

distinction until we face reality and make a serious plan to resolve this complex problem. We have allowed more species to go extinct than anywhere else on earth and resolutions like this only add more injury to our already incredibly tarnished past of bad behavior.

In order to delist any species from the endangered species list, there needs to be evidence showing that threats to the species have been resolved. I have not seen the evidence showing that nesting and near shoreline haul out habitat have been secured for this endangered turtle species. We should all be concerned that the NWHI, French Frigate Shoals in particular, is going under water and that 90% of all Hawaiian green sea turtles depend on the north west islands for their nesting.

This fact alone is alarming and it is significantly impacting the Hawaiian green sea turtle's hope for recovery. However this is not the only alarming threat to Hawaii's green sea turtles. I have not seen scientific evidence resolving the many other threats to this species. Has the State of Hawaii produced the science to prove that marine debris, disease such as fibropapilloma tumors, the degradation of foraging habitat, alien species, water pollution, poaching, human consumption, climate change altering Main Hawaiian Islands habitat and the continued human encroachment on shorelines throughout Hawaii have been adequately addressed in the recovery of this species? I know we have not sufficiently addressed these threats.

Honu numbers have increased somewhat since they were listed in 1978, but populations are still small. Improving a species numbers is only one part of a species recovery. We are well aware that a few thousand turtles can decrease rapidly if other threats are not secured. There are too many other threats, such as by-catch by the long line industry and marine debris and disease and human encroachment on habitat are even more prevalent today than in 1978. As keiki o ka aina, we can't be so cavalier about negating the many threats to delist this endangered marine species.

The younger generations of Hawaii are extremely affectionate to our Honu. Most of the young people born during the 70's, 80's 90's, and into the new millennium embrace this species as their hope for a healthier and green future in Hawaii. The Honu has become the younger generations cultural icon, that is spiritually sacred. Many teachers in Hawaii use the Honu as a visual icon for our keiki to learn how to make our island home a healthy place to live in harmony with other life forms. It is more important for our keiki to learn these concepts and for our society to embrace this hope, than it is for my "old generation" to consume more flesh products. It is a contradiction in values to tell multiple new generations that it is urgent and important to save a species going extinct and then at a whim, flash back to the 70's and start killing these very human friendly animals.

We need to work harder to bring back more Hawaiian species we have nearly killed off. And we need to develop higher standards for securing species health. And we need to work harder in our cultural transformations in upgrading ocean ecosystems

management. The turtle has become the icon of the possibility of doing that, which is PONO, bringing life back to Hawaii. The degradation of our aina is a constant burden to those who love Hawaii and although human beings are violent creatures who have proven they will consume everything until there is nothing left, it is our goodness that we rely on to counter this burden.

Please do not make an uneducated guess of whether a species is ready to be delisted from its protected status. I don't think there was unbiased scientific evidence provided to you to understand the status of this species. Please do not get used by the long line fishing industry, that covets Hawaii's ocean resources, and could care less about the fragile balance of ecosystems and endangered species.

The Green Sea Turtle is a species that brings us a glimmer of hope and joy. Do not kill this little light of goodness. Kill this resolution instead.

Mahalo nui loa,

Keiko Bonk

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