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Testimony OPPOSING SB1219
Hearing on March 1, 2011 at 9:20 a.m., Room 211
Submitted Feb. 28, 2011

Dear Members of the Ways & Means Committee,

I write to oppose this bill. While it is vital that Lana'i has watershed protection, I am opposed to this island being singled out from all other islands to get funding for such protection solely from private sources. This is not a privately owned island. Over 3000 citizens of Hawai'i live here, and many own homes. The water is a resource for all of us to share and as such its protection and conservation should be paid for by all citizens in the state, as well as by private funding from those who will benefit from the water supply.

While I also think it wise to include DLNR as a partner in managing our watershed and its protection, I am opposed to the language of this bill which states that DLNR will solely control and manage the watershed. More is better when it comes to diverse stakeholders offering their vision, their efforts and their funds to make our watershed plans successful. Having only two voices for our island will lead to a far greater chance of mistakes and outright failure. Lana'i has but one source of water - we cannot afford such mistakes.

Please protect Lana'i's diverse species, watershed, and people by opposing this bill.

Thank you for your consideration,

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