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# MAUNALUA FISHPOND HERITAGE CENTER

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In Support of SB2305 SD 2 HD 1

Aloha Chair Keith –Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Committee members.

On behalf of the Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center I want to thank you for hearing SB 2305 SD 2 HD 1. Our community 501(c)(3) organization has been involved with educational efforts since 2007 regarding the historic fishponds of the Maunalua region. Our comments are limited to Section 3 and 4 regarding Hawaiian fishponds.

Section 3 gives preference to retaining traditional names during State fishpond leases. The loss of traditional names has obscured the original existence and functions of many fishponds in Hawai'i. An example of this is Keahupua-o- Maunalua which was changed to Koko Marina. The original name reflects the historical events that occurred here as well as the traditional importance of "pua" or juvenile mullet in the Maunalua region. Kaloko (the pond) near Makapu'u was changed to Allen Davis. Today ancient fishponds are commonly misidentified with modern terms like wetland, lagoon, etc.

Section 4 requires the DLNR to establish the East Honolulu Fishpond Heritage area limited to state property at Kalauha'iha'i Fishpond and nearby Kanewai Fishpond. We support efforts to preserve Hawaiian fishponds. For centuries East Honolulu has been known for massive loko i'a. The 523 acre Keahupua-o-Maunalua, was the largest in the Hawaiian Islands. The 41 acre Wailupe Fishpond and numerous others were all located in the region. These ponds supplied hundreds of pounds daily of mullet and awa that fed our island. The destruction of these fishponds over the last fifty years has damaged the fishery and ecosystem considerably.

In the past the State fishpond parcels have experienced threats of public auction by the DOT, destruction and removal of fishpond structures as well as damage to the underground aquifer. Additional threats include the deterioration of the resources and invasive species. A wide area of Maunalua Bay has traditionally been affected by the fresh water flowing from these fishponds. It is important to avoid further damage.

The legislature has the opportunity to recognize the value of the last remaining shoreline fishponds in East Honolulu. This does not require additional funding. In previous hearings, concern was raised that disturbances of neighboring privacy will occur and the need for approval by neighbors. This concern feared large tour groups in Kanewai Fishpond or trespassing on neighboring private land. Our organization has no plans to bring tour groups inside Kanewai Fishpond or to engage in restoration that is disruptive or

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harmful to the neighborhood. We note that this bill is restricted to State owned property. Because neighboring parcels share 1/10 interests with the State in Kanewai Fishpond, the bill requires consultation with "appropriate federal, state, and county agencies and community members to implement". With more clarity in this area we believe that fishpond preservation can be attained while considering these valid concerns.

Mahalo nui loa ,

Chris Cramer

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