

**SB580**

**TESTIMONY**

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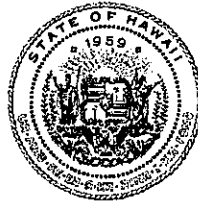
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Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

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**Testimony of  
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
JUDICIARY AND LABOR**

**Tuesday, March 1, 2011  
9:00 A.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 16**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 580, SENATE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO AQUATIC LIFE**

Senate Bill 580, Senate Draft 1 would establish two marine life conservation districts (MLCDs) on the island of Maui, and require the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to report on their enforcement and effectiveness to the 2013 Legislature. The Department takes no position on the bill's revised purpose and is concerned that this directive may conflict with existing Departmental priorities. The Department suggests that this directive of establishing additional MLCDs be conveyed in the form of a concurrent resolution.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.  
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**THE HUMANE SOCIETY**  
OF THE UNITED STATES



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To: Honorable Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members  
Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee  
3-1-11, 900am, Rm016

From: Inga Gibson, Hawaii State Director, The Humane Society of the United States / Humane Society International, P.O.Box 89131, Honolulu, HI 96830, igibson@humanesociety.org or 922-9910.

**S.B. 580; Relating to Aquatic Life**  
**In SUPPORT with amendments to reinsert original language**

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), and our international arm, Humane Society International (HSI), strongly supports S.B. 580 and respectfully requests your consideration of reinserting the original language and intent of the bill by prohibiting the sale of Hawaii's aquatic life taken for aquarium purposes.

The global trade in live wild animals as pets—including live fish for display in home aquaria— involves billions of animals every year. The trade threatens the survival of wild populations, our fragile reef ecosystems, our marine tourism based economy and the lives of millions of animals in Hawaii.

- **Hawaii Reef Wildlife: Populations in Peril**

Below is a list of the top 15 marine life families taken from our reef's for the aquarium trade between 2004 – 2009, according to reports that licensed collectors are required to supply to the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). It should be noted that DLNR has reported that many collectors do not report and even those reports filed may misrepresent species or quantities since they are not verified by onsite inspections. Consequently, the numbers and species reportedly collected may be a considerable underestimate.

<b>Hawaii Coral Reef Wildlife Collection Reported Between 2004 - 2009</b>		
<b>FAMILY</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Number Caught</b>
Acanthuridae	Surgeonfishes	2,536,156
Paguridae	Hermit Crabs	1,177,554
Sabellidae	Feather Dusters	221,394
Labridae	Wrasses	126,215
Chaetodonidae	Butterflyfishes	93,689
Pomacanthidae	Angelfishes	69,473
Decopoda	Shrimp	63,212
Holothuriidae	Cucumbers	48,483
Decopoda	Crabs	41,973
Tetradontidae	Puffers/Boxfishes	18,796

Zanclidae	Moorish Idol	16,171
Serranidae	Anthias, groupers	15,851
Pomacentridae	Damselfishes	10,611
Balistidae	Triggerfishes	10,547
Cirrihitidae	Hawkfishes	10,000

Nearly fifty percent of the species in these groups are endemic to Hawaii. Some heavily targeted endemic species are disappearing due to collection (DLNR, 2010). Others are threatened with extinction by the aquarium trade and are listed in the State's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy (Mitchell, 2005).

In addition, the husbandry needs of many of the fish species collected from Hawaii reefs simply cannot be met in captivity. Collection and export of animals that have virtually no chance of survival in captivity should cease.

- **Commercial collection of reef wildlife is harmful to reef health and ecosystems and wild populations**

The U.S. Coral Reef Task Force has recognized that U.S. demand for aquarium species can indeed threaten the sustainability of coral reef species and ecosystems (U.S. Coral Reef Task Force 2000).

Furthermore, there is ample scientific and anecdotal evidence that the level of collection of marine fish for the home aquaria trade has had significant detrimental impacts on wild fish populations in Hawaii. Research has established that collection of fish for the aquarium trade is a major source of over-fishing on the island of Hawaii (Tissot 1999; Tissot and Hallacher 2003); in one study, seven of ten fish species targeted by collectors were found to be significantly reduced in abundance (*ibid*).

In addition to concerns about the sustainability of collection and the survival of collected species, current aquarium collection practices in Hawaii raise significant concerns about the effects of aquarium collection on Hawaii's valuable coral reef ecosystems. Among the top Hawaiian exports are the yellow tang (*Zebrasoma flavescens*), kole (*Ctenochaetus strigosus*), chevron tang (*Ctenochaetus hawaiiensis*), Achilles tang (*Acanthurus achilles*), and clown tang (*Naso lituratus*), all of which are important herbivorous species that have experienced significant population declines in areas where fish are collected for export. Herbivorous fish play a crucial role in reef ecosystems by preventing algae to outcompete living corals. On other reefs around the world, overfishing of herbivores has resulted in ecosystem shifts in which corals and other important reef-dwelling benthic invertebrates become smothered by overabundant fleshy algae.

Furthermore, collectors in Hawaii have been observed breaking coral to capture fish and even using bleach, both of which are illegal (Tissot and Hallacher 2003).

- **Regulatory efforts are inefficient and ineffective**

There are many problems with the current management, or lack thereof, of collection of reef fish for export from Hawaii. The number of reef fish exported from Hawaii annually is actually unknown. Despite implementation of the Civil Resources Violation System dealing with late/delinquent report filings, there are no mechanisms for verifying actual vs. reported catch. The absence of catch validation means that DLNR has no accurate data for effective management.

In addition, and although allowed by law, DLNR has not adopted regulations that limit the number of fish collected by each permit holder (a bag limit), size limits, open and closed seasons, or other common management tools adopted by other jurisdictions that export marine fish for the aquaria trade, such as Florida. DLNR requires collectors to have permits, and commercial collectors to have licenses, but permit holders can collect any number of fish of any species. They can also collect fish anywhere with the exception of Marine Life Conservation Districts and Fish Replenishment Areas.

Some Hawaii species targeted by the aquarium trade are naturally rare or solitary and vulnerable to depletion (Clark and Gulko, 1999). Statewide stock assessments, required to protect species from over-exploitation, have yet to be conducted by DLNR because of staffing and budgetary constraints and other higher priorities. At \$200,000 and 7 months per species, these assessments would require approximately \$52 million and more than a decade for the more than 260 species taken by the trade (Thielen, 2009). With the trade generating less than \$250,000 per year in State tax revenue (based on collector and wholesaler/dealer sales), after covering licensing administrative costs, likely little is left over to help with resource management.

- **Reef wildlife collected for the pet trade suffer unacceptably high death rates.**

The means by which our reef wildlife are captured, held and transported to consumers causes unacceptable levels of injury, damage to health and cruel treatment; with up to 40% of these animals dying before reaching their final destination, and continuing to die at rates that would never be acceptable for any other “pet” animal. Those animals who survive the journey from the wild to the living room may fare no better. Wild animals are difficult to care for in a home environment with the majority living only a small fraction of their natural lives on our reefs.

Industry practices, implemented to save time and money, contribute to the stressors and injuries that lead to the pre-mature deaths of our reef wildlife and put undue pressure on wild populations: for every animal that dies before reaching the market, more are taken to fill the demand. In addition we are opposed to cruel practices employed by fish collectors and exporters in Hawaii such as piercing the swim bladder, starving for extended periods prior to export and fin/spine trimming: practices recently prohibited in Maui County and each with existing, less harmful, and conventional alternatives that don't cause injury or lead to higher mortality rates.

The more than 700,000 animals (reportedly) collected alive from Hawaii's reefs every year for the pet trade deserve better treatment than what they are currently receiving. When the basic needs of captive animals are being met, their long-term survival is ensured. This is not so for fragile reef wildlife, with the vast majority of these animals experiencing temporary, not long-term, survival. Though many would survive for decades if left on the reef, the lives of most in captivity are measured in weeks or months.

HSUS/HSI thanks the Committee for taking up this important issue. *We urge the Committee to reinsert the original language and pass S.B. 580*, to restore wildlife abundance and health to Hawaii's reefs.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

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**From:** INSPIREVISION@aol.com  
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**To:** JDLEvidence  
**Subject:** re:SB580

Dear Honorable Chair Sen. Hee, Vice Chair Sen. Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

I give my full support to SB580. Please help reef wildlife to remain in their natural habitat.

Mahalo,  
Jane Shiraki  
Honolulu

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Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

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Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:  
Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife. I support it with the following amendment:  
Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.  
I support SB 580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be wasted for the benefit of a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii to enjoy today and for all future generations. The exploitation of the wildlife is both a detriment and an insult to the gentle people of Hawaii.



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**Comments:**

The total ban of aquarium fishing noise that we now hear before the state house and senate are the result of well intended misinformed people venturing into an area they know little about. For the last dozen years the West Hawaii Fisheries Council, made up Big Island eco groups, fishermen, native interests, and community input relying heavily on the scientific surveys and studies performed by Dr. Bill Walsh and his staff, have crafted a blue print for a sustainable future for the fishery. The highly successful FRA's (fish replenishment areas)

where no aquarium fish collection is allowed for 36% of the West Hawaii coastline is the largest reserve percentage wise of any fishery in the country. A white list of has been created and submitted to DLNR to allow only certain species to be collected. Size limits of certain species have also been submitted protecting the breeding population dramatically boosting the sustainability of the fishery. A limited entry program has been proposed also by the West Hawaii Fisheries Council. Due to the FRA's, our island visitors will always have pristine reef areas in which to view large fish populations in easily accessible areas. Instead of closing one fishery down after another, the blue print of regulating the aquarium fishery can be used to keep all fisheries open without total bans. Our state legislators should be supporting the diligent efforts of the West Hawaii Fisheries Council and encourage similar fishery councils for all islands..

David Dart, 808-936-5821. Aquirium fish collector and West Hawaii Fisheries Council member.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2011

**Comments:**

As citizens of the state of Hawaii, we have inherited a monumental responsibility that we cannot shirk: we are the guardians and curators of the unique living treasures that inhabit these islands and no other place on earth. They were here long before humans arrived in this archipelago, but if we continue treat them with indifference, they may not survive much longer. Indeed, many native Hawaiian species have already perished and vanished from the tapestry of life, never to breathe again in this universe. No one else can malama these brethren life forms - it is our kuleana and ours alone. This responsibility does not end at the shoreline, nor do the blessings of nature end there. Fully one quarter of Hawaii's native fishes are endemic - found nowhere else on earth - and many of these are stunningly beautiful. Whether you believe that these unique life forms were deliberately created by an omnipotent deity or resulted from blind processes of evolution, their splendor cannot be denied - if you are lucky enough to be able to see them. However, many of these uniquely Hawaiian fish are rarely seen, even by those of us who regularly swim our waters in search of them. The reason is that each member of each race has a price on its head - amounting to hundreds of dollars in some cases. When a fish collector cashes in on that bounty; it is not just a few ounces of squirming flesh that are removed from the ocean. One complete genetic code has also been removed - one set of unique solutions to the challenges of survival. Whether that fish lives a day, a month, or even several years in somebody's home aquarium, it will never reproduce. When it inevitably dies, its potential to contribute to the genetic diversity of the population disappears forever. The population becomes smaller, weaker, less diverse, less able to withstand any changes in the environment - one step closer to extinction. One step closer to providing yet another example of the miserable failure of the state of Hawaii to manage its natural resources in a sustainable way. For a few species, it may be possible for a managed aquarium fishery to harvest a certain portion without permanent damage to the population. However, the only attempt at managing the aquarium collection industry in Hawaii has been the commendable efforts of the West Hawaii Fisheries Council (WHFC). This body has no legal authority, but can only make recommendations to the DLNR, which is headed by a political appointee who is usually not a trained biologist. For three years, under the previous administration, the DLNR failed to act on the recommendations of the WHFC to manage the aquarium fishing industry. The current nominee to head the DLNR is himself a fish collector, but did not feel it was a conflict of interest to present testimony against this bill. This offers little hope that the DLNR will step up to its responsibilities any time soon. The Fish Replenishment Areas (FRAs) in West Hawaii mandated by Act 306 have been partially successful in maintaining reef fish populations there, but the failure of the State to provide adequate enforcement has allowed poaching, which is typically directed at the rarest species which are most vulnerable to extinction. The fact is that even in the

FRAs, the chances of seeing most species of endemic Hawaiian reef fish are very small. Visitors who come here hoping to see and photograph our uniquely beautiful fish are frequently disappointed when they discover that they typically see a relatively small number and variety of fish on our reefs, and that most of the fish flee from snorkelers and divers, making them very difficult to observe and photograph. The negative impact on their experience and Hawaii's word-of-mouth reputation as a destination translates directly into a negative impact on our economy. Aquatic ecotourism is a vastly larger and more important (in terms of job creation) industry than fish collecting, so it is likely that the net economic effect of aquarium fish collecting is money draining out of our state, even though some people are earning their livings at it. I do not begrudge these people, some of whom are my friends, the opportunity to earn a living doing what they love. I wish that the State had instituted responsible management of the industry long ago, restricting collection to sustainable numbers of only the most common species. As a student at U.H. Hilo in 1973, I was trained in conducting transect studies of reef fish populations to be used in managing the aquarium collection industry. It never happened. Now it is time for the state to take measure of its failure and act decisively to protect the remnants of the populations of rare endemic fish populations. Not because it is the best course for the economy, but because it is the pono thing to do. It is our responsibility to conserve these resources with which we have been blessed. Where one rare fish in the bucket can represent several days' salary, it is not reasonable to expect collectors to restrain themselves. Please either re-instate the original language of SB580 banning the collection of all aquarium fish or else restrict the harvest to yellow tangs, which are the mainstay of the industry. Allowing the unregulated harvest of rare endemic species of fish makes no more sense than opening up our public forests to willy nilly collecting of i'iwi and apapane to sell in cages at mainland pet stores.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:  
Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife. I support it with the following amendment:  
Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.  
I support SB 580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be wasted for the benefit of a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,  
I am in support with the following amendment: Please reinsert SB580's original intent and language to prohibit the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife taken for aquarium purposes.  
Mahalo,  
Rene Umberger

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Submitted on: 2/28/2011

Comments:  
Please reinsert the original language in the bill. Protect Hawaii's resources for this generation and for all who will follow.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2011

**Comments:**

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**Comments:**

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,  
Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife in Hawaii. I support it with the following amendment:  
Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for commercial aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.  
I support SB580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be harvested for the benefit of only a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii. The negative impact of the commercial harvest of reef fish cannot be ignored, so please act to ban the export of reef fish from Hawaii.



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Submitted on: 2/27/2011

Comments:

I strongly support SB580 as originally introduced and urge its passage. Instead of the watered-down amended version which is a very weak, very distorted response to the increasing issue of the extermination of our precious reef fish population. Everyone I know who snorkels tells me of the obvious decline in that population and that they are worried that these fish are not a sustainable resource if the rate of decline continues at the current pace. I'd go along with new sanctuaries but only if the original effect of SB580--to eliminate all aquarium taking--is put back in the bill. Finally, SB580 opponents are trying to make this a "Maui vs Oahu" battle. It isn't and you should not let them do it.  
Aloha, mahalo and malama aina.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Submitted on: 2/27/2011

Comments:

As a long-time SCUBA diver who grew up in Kaneohe, I ask you to amend the bill to include SB580's original intent and language: to protect all of Hawaii's reef wildlife from commercial aquarium collecting. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Comments:**

Please make this bill as strong as possible to protect and preserve our reef fish for all to enjoy and value

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Submitted on: 2/27/2011

**Comments:**

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife. I support it with the following amendment:

Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.

I support SB 580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be wasted for the benefit of a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii. Hawaii's reef habitat are being decimated. I have seen it in 32 years of diving here.

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Submitted on: 2/27/2011

**Comments:**

Please restore original language of this bill and ban commercial aquarium collecting now.

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

I support SB580 with the original language to ban aquarium fish collectors for commercial sale.

I am an avid snorkeler. I have seen a huge decline of fish on the reefs, on all the islands. I've watched collectors return with their catch of hundreds of reef fish in their "garbage cans". Most are juvenile that will never be reproducing to replenish their species. I've seen our endemic fish in pet shops and in tanks on the mainland.

There are NO regulations in place. As it is now, there are no limits on the number of licenses sold, no regulations on how many fish can be taken or what types of fish can be taken, including our endemics, even though we know some species are now rare. Obviously DLNR has not done a thing to protect our natural resources. The scientific data speaks for itself, if anyone would look at it. I've attended meetings by DAR which admits, even Kona, with its FRA's, can see most species have declined in number significantly and many species are almost gone. They still don't want a thing to change. The other islands don't even have FRAs and still, nothing is going to change unless you do the right thing.

Every time I talk to a DLNR, DAR, or DOCARE officer, the first thing they say is they don't have the manpower to do the things they should be doing. Banning aquarium collecting would free those employees to do other necessary issues. It would be easy to monitor reef fish being shipped out of Hawaii.

Also, we know for a fact that AQ collecting is NOT being monitored and most don't report catch honestly. We

know this, as more fish were reported being exported than were reported being caught. How interesting. They aren't going to count the dead and pay taxes on them.

DAR says over and over "to have healthy reefs, you have to have clean water and reef fish.

Sooner or later, AQ must be banned. Please ban aquarium collecting NOW. The longer it goes on, the more the chance we will lose some species. Every fish has a job on the reef and we must have healthy reef, or there goes tourism.

Please leave a legacy for your kids and grandkids. Do the right thing for all of Hawaii and not for a few aquarium collectors.

Mahalo,  
Anita Wintner  
Kihei, HI



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 6:18 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** mbarlocker@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: calvin and margaret barlocker  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mbarlocker@yahoo.com](mailto:mbarlocker@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

Comments:  
support with an amendment to include SB580's original intent and language: to protect all of Hawaii's reef wildlife from commercial aquarium collecting.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 6:17 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
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**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: calvin and margaret barlocker  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mbarlocker@yahoo.com](mailto:mbarlocker@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

Comments:  
support with an amendment to include SB580's original intent and language: to protect all of Hawaii's reef wildlife from commercial aquarium collecting.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 5:35 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** rtown2811@aol.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Barbara Townsend  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [rtown2811@aol.com](mailto:rtown2811@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

Comments:  
support with an amendment to include SB580's original intent and language: to protect all of Hawaii's reef wildlife from commercial aquarium collection

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 4:53 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** oceansteward@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Steve & Sona Dennis  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [oceansteward@hotmail.com](mailto:oceansteward@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

Comments:  
Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

Our behalf of our six young grandchildren, thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife. I support it with the following amendment:  
Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.

I support SB 580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be wasted for the benefit of a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 4:15 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** drjlhart@mac.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: John Hart  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [drjlhart@mac.com](mailto:drjlhart@mac.com)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

Comments:  
save these fish for Hawaii and its people

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 4:09 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** robertw@snorkelbob.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Robert Wintner  
Organization: Snorkel Bob's Hawaii  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [robertw@snorkelbob.com](mailto:robertw@snorkelbob.com)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

**Comments:**

I would like to submit testimony at the Judiciary Committee hearing. Thank you.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 3:57 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** Judy@Malinowski.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Judy Malinowski  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Judy@Malinowski.com](mailto:Judy@Malinowski.com)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

**Comments:**

Please keep our unique reef fish here in Hawaiian waters. We should never allow these valuable resources to be taken. The numbers of fish are declining alarmingly all over the world. We need to do all we can to preserve the fish we have.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 3:56 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** triggs35@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: F. Joseph Triggs  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [triggs35@gmail.com](mailto:triggs35@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

**Comments:**

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife. I support it with the following amendment:

Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.

I support SB 580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be wasted for the benefit of a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii.



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 3:56 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** Judy@Malinowski.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Judy Malinowski  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Judy@Malinowski.com](mailto:Judy@Malinowski.com)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

**Comments:**

Please keep our unique reef fish here in Hawaiian waters. We should never allow these valuable resources to be taken. The numbers of fish are declining alarmingly all over the world. We need to do all we can to preserve the fish we have.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 3:55 PM  
**To:** JDL Testimony  
**Cc:** triggs@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Doane Triggs  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [triggs@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:triggs@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

**Comments:**

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife. I support it with the following amendment:

Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.

I support SB 580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be wasted for the benefit of a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 3:44 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** mel@malinowski.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Mel Malinowski  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mel@malinowski.com](mailto:mel@malinowski.com)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife. I support it with the following amendment:

Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.

Sadly, the DLNR and DAR oppose this bill. If whales, dolphins, sea turtles and coral had not been taken out of their protection, they would likely be telling you that there were lots of whales, dolphins, turtles and coral, and we can mine and export them on a sustainable basis.

Fortunately, that authority was taken from them, and so should authority over the capture and export of our reef fish. It is time. It will benefit the vast majority of Hawaiian residents and visitors.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 3:36 PM  
**To:** JDLEvidence  
**Cc:** clivebd@aol.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: comments only  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Clive B Davies and Carol B Davies  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [clivebd@aol.com](mailto:clivebd@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

**Comments:**

As scuba divers we have noticed a significant reduction in the number of reef fish off the coast of the Big Island, we urge you to restore the original wording of this bill and severely curtail the pillaging of a very special natural resource.

Thank you for your attention

Dr and Mrs Clive B Davies Residents of Hawaii

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 3:31 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** corey.goodman@me.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Corey Goodman  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [corey.goodman@me.com](mailto:corey.goodman@me.com)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

Comments:

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee members,  
My wife and I travel to the Big Island from San Francisco twice each year and snorkel every day on Hawaii's beautiful reefs. But we worry that the numbers of fish are declining due to commercial aquarium collecting. This is not appropriate. You should protect your natural resource. It is one of your treasures for your citizens, and visitors like us, to admire and appreciate. Please do not let commercial collectors rob you of this tremendous natural treasure and disrupt your environment. Protect your environment for your own people. We SUPPORT SB 580, with the reinserted language from the original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef fish for aquariums and protects your reefs from the international aquarium trade. Protect your reefs for the benefit of all of your people, not just a few commercial interests trying to profit on your resource.  
Thanks very much.  
Best wishes,  
Corey Goodman and Marcia Barinaga

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 3:30 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** sminmarin@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Stephanie Carpenter  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [sminmarin@yahoo.com](mailto:sminmarin@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

Comments:  
Support with the amendment to include SB580 original language & intent to protect Hawaii's reef fish

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 2:45 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** jingleshell@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Rosanne Shank  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jingleshell@hotmail.com](mailto:jingleshell@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

**Comments:**

Support with an amendment to include SB580's original intent and language: to protect all of Hawaii's reef wildlife from commercial aquarium collecting.

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**From:** Judy Mick [ppchawaii@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 2:17 PM  
**To:** JDL Testimony  
**Subject:** SB 580

Aloha Senators Hee and Shimabukuro-

As legislators with sensitivity to the ecology of Hawaii, I am urging you and your committee members to vote in support of SB 580. It is time we stop the plunder of our beautiful reef and the life there so a few can profit financially. Thank you for your time. Aloha, Judy Mick, Kailua



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 2:01 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** suyin@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Suyin Phillips  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [suyin@hawaii.edu](mailto:suyin@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

Comments:

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,  
&#160;

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife.&#160; I support it with the following amendment:

Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.

I support SB 580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be wasted for the benefit of a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 1:55 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** babsonb001@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Bob Babson  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [babsonb001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:babsonb001@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife. I support it with the following amendment:

Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.

I support SB 580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be wasted for the benefit of a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii.

Please protect our reef fish. They are important for tourism and for future generations of Hawaii to enjoy. Many reef fish do not reach sexual maturity to reproduce until they are 5 to 7 years old. So it is essential that we allow them to grow up and reproduce here on our reefs.

Mahalo!  
Bob Babson

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**From:** SUSAN HOMER [suesuechef@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 12:56 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony

Dear Honorable Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

Please **SUPPORT SB 580** to protect our precious reef wildlife and fragile reef ecosystems. Millions of animals are taken from Hawaii's reefs each year, with up to 40% dying before reaching their final destination. In the interest of our marine tourism economy and the environment, reef wildlife belongs on our reefs!

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**From:** SUSAN HOMER [suesuechef@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 12:57 PM  
**To:** JDLEstimony

Dear Honorable Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

Please **SUPPORT SB 580** to protect our precious reef wildlife and fragile reef ecosystems. Millions of animals are taken from Hawaii's reefs each year, with up to 40% dying before reaching their final destination. In the interest of our marine tourism economy and the environment, reef wildlife belongs on our reefs!

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 11:56 AM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** zeitlerr001@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Roland Zeitler  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [zeitlerr001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:zeitlerr001@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

Comments:

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife. I support it with the following amendment:  
Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.  
I support SB 580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be wasted for the benefit of a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii.

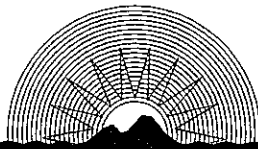
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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 11:19 AM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** director@maui-tomorrow.org  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM  
**Attachments:** SB 580, Pertaining to Aquatic Life.doc

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Irene Bowie  
Organization: Maui Tomorrow Foundation, Inc.  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [director@maui-tomorrow.org](mailto:director@maui-tomorrow.org)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

Comments:



## MAUI TOMORROW

Protecting Maui's Future

Feb. 26, 2011

Chair Clayton Hee  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

**RE: SB 580, Pertaining to Aquatic Life**

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife. Maui Tomorrow Foundation, Inc. supports this bill with the following amendment:

Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a prohibition on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums. This will protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.

Studies have shown that collecting Hawaii's beautiful and unique species for the aquarium hobby has caused their populations to decline by 14% - 97% on unprotected reefs yet no protections exist for the fishes and invertebrates essential to reef health and beauty.

For a \$50 annual license and permit, commercial collectors have access to every living animal on every reef in Hawaii that isn't protected - virtually 99% of Hawaii's coral reefs are impacted by this industry. Hawaii's reef wildlife has a far greater value economically, environmentally and culturally when left on the reefs. Forty two percent of Hawaii's visitors snorkel and scuba to view our reefs, \$800 million annually in marine tourism provides thousands of jobs to local residents. Compare these figures to the comparatively small aquarium trade with an estimated \$5 million in annual sales.

Leaving these fish on Hawaii's reefs benefits the ecosystem, the marine tourism industry and Native Hawaiian cultural practices. Maui Tomorrow Foundation supports SB 580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be wasted for the benefit of a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii.

Irene Bowie

Executive Director

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 9:24 AM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** joanl@snorkelbob.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Joan Lloyd  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [joanl@snorkelbob.com](mailto:joanl@snorkelbob.com)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife. I support it with the following amendment:  
Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.  
I support SB 580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be wasted for the benefit of a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii.

Thanks and Aloha,  
Joan Lloyd



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 9:19 AM  
**To:** JDCTestimony  
**Cc:** scuba@maui.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Erik Stein  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [scuba@maui.net](mailto:scuba@maui.net)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

**Comments:**

I will support with an amendment to include SB580's original intent and language: to protect all of Hawaii's reef wildlife from commercial aquarium collecting

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**From:** Jeff Schwartz [lanaidad@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 8:08 AM  
**To:** JDLEstimony  
**Subject:** SB 580 - Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor - Relating to Aquatic Life - Tues 3/1 - 9 a.m.

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife.

I support the bill's provisions to establish two marine life conservation districts on Maui.

However, I strongly favor reinserting language from SB 580s original form that would prohibit sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.

This provision is need because reef wildlife should not be taken for the benefit of the few, but preserved for the benefit of the public. Our economy depends on flourishing near-shore marine wildlife.

Please pass SB580 after reinserting the aquarium trade ban language from the original bill.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Schwartz  
310 Piliwale Rd.  
Kula, Maui, HI  
96790 -

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 7:10 AM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** nadineo@earthlink.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Nadine Ornborg  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [nadineo@earthlink.net](mailto:nadineo@earthlink.net)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,  
Thank you for hearing this important bill for protecting reef wildlife. I support it with the following amendment: Please insert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from international aquarium trade/hobby.

I support SB 580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be wasted for the benefit of a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 27, 2011 6:12 AM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** hagemanmd@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Marie Hageman  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [hagemanmd@hotmail.com](mailto:hagemanmd@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/27/2011

**Comments:**

I support it with the following amendment:

Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.

I support SB 580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be wasted for the benefit of a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii.

As a court appointed mediator (in NJ), I must ask:

"Why is it only proclaimed that if fish can't be continuously taken from the reef, the aquarium trade will end?" That's ridiculous!

I sold exotic birds for many years, despite a ban on imports- and keeping domestic species, by breeding my own.

As an aquarium hobbyist, I bred my own angelfish, etc. How is it that the professional wholesalers and retailers are too daft to do so?

Let's ban all takings from Maui waters and witness how quickly they learn.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 9:35 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** mounaflor@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Mouna Ghossoub  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mounaflor@hotmail.com](mailto:mounaflor@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

Comments:

"Support with an amendment to include SB580's original intent and language: to protect all of Hawaii's reef wildlife from commercial aquarium collecting."

In a few words, the majority of tourists come to Hawaii to see the fish. Less fish means less tourists. Less tourists means less support for the local economy. Let's preserve hawaii's reefs for generations to come. People can come admire the fish in the Hawaiian waters. The few individual aquariums only benefits few people and harm a whole region and its inhabitants. Please put money last when it comes to a wise decision.  
Thank you

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**From:** Barbara Steinberg [h2ocolor@webtv.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 9:09 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Subject:** support SB580

To JDL

I support SB580 and those precious tropical fish . Let them live in the natural wild waters . it is wrong to deplete our waters of those bright colored fishes for money .it is bad for the fish and many die in this terrible process that is shocking to them . It is wrong to sell these fish

Please protect our waters do not deplete them

Barbara Steinberg

Kihei

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 7:52 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** explormau@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: miqe Kleme  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [explormau@yahoo.com](mailto:explormau@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

**Comments:**

Support with an amendment to include SB580's original intent and language: to protect all of Hawaii's reef wildlife from commercial aquarium collecting.&quot;

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**From:** K. Williams [kdw@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 7:50 PM  
**To:** JDLEstimony  
**Subject:** \*\*please SUPPORT SB 580\*\*\*\*

**Importance:** High

**Dear Honorable Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members:**

**Please SUPPORT SB 580 to protect Hawaii's reef wildlife and fragile reef ecosystems.**

**Millions of animals are taken from our reefs each year, with up to 40% dying before reaching their final destination. In the interest of our marine tourism economy and the environment, reef wildlife needs to stay here and not be taken away for financial gain!**

**Sincerely,**

***Kim Williams***  
***Wild Bird Rehab Haven***  
***Board Member 2011***

**[www.wildbirdrehabhaven.org](http://www.wildbirdrehabhaven.org)**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii**  
**(808) 447-9274 Bird Hotline**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 6:32 PM  
**To:** JDLEstimony  
**Cc:** ddresie@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Dick Dresie  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [ddresie@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:ddresie@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

**Comments:**

Eliminate Tropical Fish Collecting in all Hawaiian waters. Over the past 28 years we have witnessed a serious decline in our Tropical Fish along the Kona Coast. This is not good for our visitors to witness!

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 6:30 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** go2pako@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: G. Paul Kohman  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [go2pako@gmail.com](mailto:go2pako@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

**Comments:**

I am greatly concerned that the removal of significant numbers of reef fish for the aquarium trade can interrupt food chains, cause reproductive failure and alter habitat. Because of this there is a concern that the continued removal of marine ornamental organisms will not only impact target species, but will also have irreversible effects on components of the entire ecosystem. Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that prohibits the harvesting and sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 5:10 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** FloB2@aol.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Florence Bahr  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [FloB2@aol.com](mailto:FloB2@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

Comments:  
Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing this very important bill protecting our reef fish. I support it because I know how important the tourist industry is to Hawaii and reef fish are a big attraction. The good of the community is more important than money in the pockets of a few. Please, save our fish for the benefit of our state and for the poor fish that are being taken to go in tanks for the short pleasure of a few.

Sincerely,  
Flo Bahr

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 5:10 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** FloB2@aol.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Florence Bahr  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [FloB2@aol.com](mailto:FloB2@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing this very important bill protecting our reef fish. I support it because I know how important the tourist industry is to Hawaii and reef fish are a big attraction. The good of the community is more important than money in the pockets of a few. Please, save our fish for the benefit of our state and for the poor fish that are being taken to go in tanks for the short pleasure of a few.

Sincerely,  
Flo Bahr

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**From:** Gerraine Santos [gerraine\_s@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 4:45 PM  
**To:** JDLEstimony  
**Subject:** SB 580 and SB 1522

Urging you to SUPPORT SB 580, protecting our reef and wildlife, and  
SUPPORT SB 1522, protecting dogs from abuse through laws governing puppy mills.  
thank you.

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**From:** jbpat@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 4:42 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Subject:** Support our wildlife

Dear Honorable Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

Please **SUPPORT SB 580** to protect our precious reef wildlife and fragile reef ecosystems. Millions of animals are taken from Hawaii's reefs each year, with up to 40% dying before reaching their final destination. In the interest of our marine tourism economy and the environment, reef wildlife belongs on our reefs!

Thank you, Bruce and Janice Patterson

80-329-3851

75-648 Mahi Iu Lani Place

Kailua-Kona, HI. 96740

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 4:27 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** makaala@hawaiian.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM  
**Attachments:** Hui Hoomalu SB 580 testimony 2-26-11.pdf

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jeffery T. Chandler  
Organization: Hui Ho'omalua i ka Aina  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [makaala@hawaiian.net](mailto:makaala@hawaiian.net)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

Comments:

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife. I support it with the following amendment:

Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.

I support SB 580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be wasted for the benefit of a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii.

Hui Ho'omalū i ka 'Āina  
PO Box 1045  
Hanalei, Hawaii 96714

**Testimony: in strong support of SB 580 with suggested amendment**

Committee JDL

Room:016

Hearing Date:3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee members,

Hui Ho'omalū i ka 'Āina is a taro root organization founded in 1983 to address threats to the cultural resources and practices of moku Halele'a. Our members are practitioners of this moku with many generations of mana'o, an understanding of their kuleana and a commitment to practice it.

We are very concerned with the commercialization of our marine resources and oppose the take of any marine species for the pet or aquarium industry.

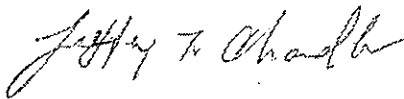
With today's technology, there is no need to have a live animal in a tank. Optical inventions exist to realistically display these animals for our education and enjoyment.

Each of these critters has a job, a kuleana of their own in our world. The commercial use of these living things causes an imbalance that impacts our cultural and subsistence resources.

The health of our people is at stake. If our reefs are sick, our people are sick.

Please put the language back into SB580 that addresses take for aquarium and pet use.

Me ka pono,



Jeffery T. Chandler

Chair



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 4:14 PM  
**To:** JDCTestimony  
**Cc:** makaala@hawaiian.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Makaala Kaaumoana  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [makaala@hawaiian.net](mailto:makaala@hawaiian.net)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife. I support it with the following amendment:

Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.

I support SB 580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be wasted for the benefit of a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 4:05 PM  
**To:** JDLEstimony  
**Cc:** Reeflections.maui@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Michael Roberts  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Reeflections.maui@hotmail.com](mailto:Reeflections.maui@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

**Comments:**

I am an underwater photographer that grew up on the islands. The loss of reef fish that are taken by the aquarium trade is atrocious. My Lahaina gallery relies on tourists that enjoy our precious reefs. Returning visitors ask me every day about the deteriorating quality of our reef ecosystem. When they hear that there are virtually no regulations, let alone a total ban, on harvesting reef fish they are appalled. Many use the term "3rd World" to describe our lack of reef management.

Since we obviously cannot afford to enforce strict regulations, we must completely ban this barbaric practice before it's too late. The tourist industry is much more important than the aquarium industry and we cannot have both.

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**From:** Shari Au, PhD [aus008@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 4:05 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Subject:** reef

Dear Honorable Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members:  
Please **SUPPORT SB 580** to protect our precious reef wildlife and fragile reef ecosystems. Millions of animals are taken from Hawaii's reefs each year, with up to 40% dying before reaching their final destination. In Hawaii's present recession we cannot afford to lose any valued ecosystem, particularly those that attract tourism. Our marine tourism is dependent upon this bill. Our environment is dependent upon this bill. Reef wildlife belongs to and needs to remain on our reefs!

*Shari Au, Ph.D.  
Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Hawaii & Guam  
241 Condo Lane #514, Tamuning, Guam 96913  
wk: 671-647-5319, cell: 671-777-2117  
The path to new horizons lies in seeing with new eyes....*

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 4:01 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** kane@hawaiiantel.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jerry Kane  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [kane@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:kane@hawaiiantel.net)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife. I support it with the following amendment:

Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.

I support SB 580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be wasted for the benefit of a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 3:48 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** sylviamasella@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: sylvia sheps  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [sylviamasella@hotmail.com](mailto:sylviamasella@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife. I support it with the following amendment:

Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.

I support SB 580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be wasted for the benefit of a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 3:43 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** margebonar@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Marjorie Bonar  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [margebonar@gmail.com](mailto:margebonar@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

Comments:  
Support with return of original language that protects our reefs.

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**From:** Sharon MacQuoid [smacquoid@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 3:07 PM  
**To:** JDLEvidence  
**Subject:** SB 1522  
**Attachments:** --static--liam\_crowdsurfer\_bottom.gif

Please support SB1522 regarding Puppy Mills.

Please support SB 580 regarding reef life.

Sharon MacQuoid 411 Iliaina Street, Kailua, HI 96734

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 3:06 PM  
**To:** JDLEstimony  
**Cc:** kerribal@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kerri Ballard  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [kerribal@comcast.net](mailto:kerribal@comcast.net)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Chair Hee and esteemed committee members:

I support SB580 but wish you would reinsert the original language that put a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums and protects our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.

Mahalo,  
Kerri Ballard



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 1:37 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** dougmillerhawaii@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Douglas Miller  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [dougmillerhawaii@gmail.com](mailto:dougmillerhawaii@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife. I support it with the following amendment:

Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.

I support SB 580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be wasted for the benefit of a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 1:36 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** hawaiidionne@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Dionne Miller  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [hawaiidionne@gmail.com](mailto:hawaiidionne@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife. I support it with the following amendment:

Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.

I support SB 580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be wasted for the benefit of a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 1:31 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** Lynn.all@Maui.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Lynn Allen  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Lynn.all@Maui.net](mailto:Lynn.all@Maui.net)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

**Comments:**

Ahloa Chair Hee and Committee Members,  
I am so glad you are hearing this bill. I support this bill with changes in the language a the original bill. Please put a kapu on fish collection for the aquarium trade.

Thank you,  
Lynn Allen

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 1:23 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** micdorsey@ymail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Michael Dorsey  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [micdorsey@ymail.com](mailto:micdorsey@ymail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife. I support it with the following amendment:

Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.

I support SB 580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be sacrificed for the benefit of a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 1:19 PM  
**To:** JDLEvidence  
**Cc:** david@sharkville.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: David Amack  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [david@sharkville.com](mailto:david@sharkville.com)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife. I support it with the following amendment:

Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the self-serving aquarium trade.

I support SB 580 because the reef wildlife is a crucial part of the delicate ecosystem on which all plant and animal life in Hawaii depend. There have been shameful instances in Hawaiian history of money and selfish interests winning out over what is pono. It is in your power to keep this from being another one.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 1:18 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** pbc5@mac.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: PATRICIA Cadiz  
Organization: Spreckelsville Beach Restoration Foundation, Inc.  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [pbc5@mac.com](mailto:pbc5@mac.com)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

**Comments:**

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife. I support it with the following amendment:  
Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.  
I support SB 580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be wasted for the benefit of a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii. Additionally, it is often forgotten that a healthy reef is directly linked to healthy beaches. This is because sand in Hawaii is all biogenic, that is it comes from organisms that were once part of the reef.  
Thank you for your careful consideration.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 1:12 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** david@sharkville.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: David Amack  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [david@sharkville.com](mailto:david@sharkville.com)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

Comments:  
Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife. I support it with the following amendment:

Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the self-serving aquarium trade.

I support SB 580 because the reef wildlife is a crucial part of the delicate ecosystem on which all plant and animal life in Hawaii depend. There have been shameful instances in Hawaiian history of money and selfish interests winning out over what is pono. It is in your power to keep this from being another one.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 1:09 PM  
**To:** JDLEstimony  
**Cc:** email@markschacht.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: MARK SCHACHT d/b/a Green Divers Productions  
Organization: Green Divers Productions of Albany, CA  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [email@markschacht.com](mailto:email@markschacht.com)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

**Comments:**

Support, ONLY if amended to include original language of the bill (removed at the previous committee hearing) which bans the commercial harvesting of Hawaii's wild reef fish for the aquarium hobby trade.

The committee should take note of the testimony in the prior committee from responsible scientists who forcefully argued that Hawaii's trade is unsustainable, pointing specifically to Oahu and the Big Island. Maui, as you know, has recently banned the trade's most common inhumane practices, which can be expected to drastically curtail the trade in that county's waters near Maui, Molokai and Lanai.

The committee faces an important policy choice: Continue the denuding of Hawaii's reef fish for the economic benefit of a few collectors OR act now to protect the state's precious rare and endemic reef fish from veritable extinction.

There is no middle ground: 'sustainable' fishing regulatory oversight has been shown to be a failure in West Hawaii under DLNR/DAR stewardship. What is there in the current bill, or any recent proposal, that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the declines in reef fish populations will be reversed?

The answer is obvious, and urgent. Prohibiting this trade is ONLY reasonable answer.

On behalf of Green Divers Productions--which contributes annually to Hawaii's marine-related economy--we urge you to restore the original language of SB 580 when this bill is heard in committee on March 1, 2011.

Mark Schacht  
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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 1:04 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** LisRotary@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Lis Richardson  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [LisRotary@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:LisRotary@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

Comments:  
Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing this important bill protecting reef wildlife. I support it with the following amendment:  
Please reinsert the language from SB580's original form that puts a kapu on the sale of Hawaii's reef wildlife for aquariums, and protect our reefs from the international aquarium trade/hobby.  
I support SB 580 because reef wildlife shouldn't be wasted for the benefit of a few - it should be protected for all of Hawaii.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 12:24 PM  
**To:** JDLEvidence  
**Cc:** robert@2waymirror.tv  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Robert Fagan  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [robert@2waymirror.tv](mailto:robert@2waymirror.tv)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

**Comments:**

Support with an amendment to include SB580's original intent and language: to protect all of Hawaii's reef wildlife from commercial aquarium collecting.  
Please do the right thing for the beautiful reef creatures of Hawaii.  
Mahalo

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 12:19 PM  
**To:** JDLEstimony  
**Cc:** sparksfly1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Donita Sparks  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [sparksfly1@gmail.com](mailto:sparksfly1@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

**Comments:**

Support with an amendment to include SB580's original intent and language: to protect all of Hawaii's reef wildlife from commercial aquarium collecting. These are valuable assets! Keep us tourists coming back to snorkel your beautiful reefs. No abundance of reef wildlife, no repeat visitors. Mahalo!

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 26, 2011 12:18 PM  
**To:** JDLEstimony  
**Cc:** sparksfly1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Donita Sparks  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [sparksfly1@gmail.com](mailto:sparksfly1@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/26/2011

**Comments:**

Support with an amendment to include SB580's original intent and language: to protect all of Hawaii's reef wildlife from commercial aquarium collecting. These are valuable assets! Keep us tourists coming back to snorkel your beautiful reefs. No abundance of reef wildlife, no repeat visitors.  
Mahalo!

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2011 8:28 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** mmmmahalo2000@aol.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB580 on 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM SB580

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Mike Moran  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mmmmahalo2000@aol.com](mailto:mmmmahalo2000@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 2/25/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Chair & committee members,  
Please strongly support this bill to help preserve our dwindling reef fish. Let's stop this continuous raping of Hawaii's natural resources for someone else's monetary profit, while preserving what is left of the coral reef system in HI. Mahalo,  
Mike Moran Kihei HI

Hui Ho'omalū i ka 'Āina  
PO Box 1045  
Hanalei, Hawaii 96714

**Testimony: in strong support of SB 580 with suggested amendment**

Committee JDL

Room:016

Hearing Date:3/1/2011 9:00:00 AM

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee members,

Hui Ho'omalū i ka 'Āina is a taro root organization founded in 1983 to address threats to the cultural resources and practices of moku Halele'a. Our members are practitioners of this moku with many generations of mana'o, an understanding of their kuleana and a commitment to practice it.

We are very concerned with the commercialization of our marine resources and oppose the take of any marine species for the pet or aquarium industry.

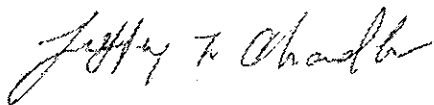
With today's technology, there is no need to have a live animal in a tank. Optical inventions exist to realistically display these animals for our education and enjoyment.

Each of these critters has a job, a kuleana of their own in our world. The commercial use of these living things causes an imbalance that impacts our cultural and subsistence resources.

The health of our people is at stake. If our reefs are sick, our people are sick.

Please put the language back into SB580 that addresses take for aquarium and pet use.

Me ka pono,



Jeffery T. Chandler

Chair