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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Carty	Save Honolua Coalition	Support	Yes

Comments: My Name is John Carty and I live on Maui in the moku of Ka'anapali. I'm the v.p. of the Save Honolua Coalition and I speak on behalf of our organization. Our mission statement is to maintain open space, public access, and revitalize the ahupua'a of Honolua through community based management utilizing Hawaiian cultural practices and values. We support HB 1424. We are working together with Maui Land & Pineapple, Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, Aha Moku, the Maui County Council, and Mayor Arakawa. There is a sense of urgency. Many factors are coming together to make now our best chance to Save Honolua and create a win-win situation for all involved. The unstable financial condition of the land owner, Maui Land & Pineapple Company looms over the open space of Honolua like a dark cloud. About 5 1/2 years ago MLP withdrew plans for development at Honolua after overwhelming testimony from the community including over 16,000 physical signatures to the Save Honolua petition calling for the preservation and acquisition of this area. Since then, we have been exploring different ways to preserve the land while taking steps towards cleanup and revitalization with the land owner and various groups. It is a scary thought of what would happen if MLP went under and we had to deal with the highest bidder. Lets make a deal now with a willing landowner. There are many reasons why it is crucial to Save Honolua with a land trust. And while it is enough to do it for her own sake because she is Honolua, I will mention more. First: Revenue. Honolua is what tourists love and it is the star attraction in West Maui where the majority of high end luxury hotels on Maui are. Its snorkeling, open space, and wild beauty are the essence of what brings the tourists along with their money to our State. During the summer and other peak days, our studies conclude that over 1000 people access Honolua Bay by land and sea. Second: Environment. Honolua Bay is a State Marine Life Concervation District and the reef is dying fast. According to the most recent DLNR survey, in 1995 there was 45% coral cover in the Bay. 10 years later is was less than 9% That's 45 down to 9. After the latest round of development in our Ahupua'a several years ago, events like this started happening (show picture of mud flow). This runoff has been devastating. We must make certain that this does not happen again. Third: Community. Honolua is beloved by the people of Maui for reasons too many to mention. Surfing is a big one. It is known as "The Bay" and loved world wide by surfers for its perfect shape. Our West Maui shoreline is

filled with Hotels, Restaurants, and private homes from Pua'mana all the way to Kapalua. Honolua is the first open space and the playground and sanctuary for our people. And fourth, the most important reason, is culture. The harm done to our host culture and its people by development and western land practices is unimaginable. We can, through this bill, Save this area so that future generations of Hawaiians can connect to this sacred land of their ancestors. In 1976 the Hokule'a launched from Honolua on her maiden voyage. There are many important cultural sites in the area including heiau, burials, holua slide, kings trail, and more. I am lucky to be friends with a few kupuna from the area and I wish they could be here today to tell you the deep spirituality and sacredness of honolua. And maybe they would tell you what they have told me... "We are counting on you to save it."

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# THE TRUST *for* PUBLIC LAND

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March 26, 2013

**THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND'S TESTIMONY  
REGARDING HB1424 SD1 RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF  
RESOURCE VALUE LANDS**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Public Decision Making, 3/28/13 at 9:05AM, Conference Room 211

Aloha e Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Kidani,

The Trust for Public Land supports HB1424 SD1. The Trust for Public Land is not involved in the acquisition of Honolua Bay and Lipoa Point but as a national nonprofit land trust that has worked in Hawai'i since 1979, we clearly see the urgent need to protect cherished Honolua Bay and Lipoa Point from development, and support the State and the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust in this important conservation effort. Members of Save Honolua Coalition showed The Trust for Public Land the property in 2012. Honolua Bay and Lipoa Point is a very special place with irreplaceable Hawaiian cultural sites, great agricultural potential, a thriving marine ecosystem, and a surrounding community that both uses the property regularly for recreation and also assists in stewardship efforts. Protection of this property and increased appropriate stewardship will benefit all the generations to come. Please support the permanent protection of this beloved place.

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) is a national, non-profit 501(c)(3) land conservation organization that conserves land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens, and other natural places, ensuring livable communities for generations to come. Since TPL's first conservation project in Hawai'i in 1979, TPL has completed 27 projects on all five of the main Hawaiian Islands, and protected over 42,000 acres. TPL partners with government agencies and other nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations to acquire land for conservation, cultural preservation, parks, and agriculture. The Trust for Public Land facilitates the land transaction, takes title to the protected land for a short period of time, and then transfers the land to either a government agency or to a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

Mahalo,



Laura Kaakua

Native Lands Project Manager

The Trust for Public Land, Hawaiian Islands Program

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Richard Houghton	The Strategy Group Inc.	Support	No

Comments: vote yes on HB 1424 and preserve what little we have left of our pristine Island!

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Maui Land & Pineapple Company, Inc.

March 26, 2013

Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 28, 2013  
Conference Room 211

Testimony in Support of HB 1424, SD1  
Relating to the Acquisition of Resource Value Lands

Honorable Chair David Y. Ige, Vice Chair Michelle N. Kidani, and Committee Members:

My name is Ryan Churchill, President and Chief Operating Officer of Maui Land & Pineapple Company, Inc. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 1424 which would require that the Department of Land & Natural Resources, in consultation with the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust and notwithstanding approval of the Board of Directors of Maui Land & Pineapple Company, Inc., to engage in efforts to acquire the parcel of land located at Lipoa Point, identified by TMK (2) 4-1-001-010.

While Maui Land & Pineapple Company, Inc. has been working for many years with the community, including the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, Save Honolua Coalition, and various government agencies in their efforts to acquire the coastal lands surrounding and North of Honolua Bay, we have never consummated a deal because of the lack of agreement on the acquisition price and the fact that there was never assurances that these entities had the financial resources to acquire this parcel.

In general, this bill allows the acquisition of these lands with the proceeds going toward the unfunded liability in MLP's pension plans. MLP is not unique in having unfunded pension obligations. We have all been made aware that the State of Hawaii's unfunded pension liability is approximately \$8 billion today. The strategic question is what similar measures is the State undertaking to divest or monetize its lands in order to reduce the huge \$8 billion unfunded obligations to retirees and future retirees. Similarly, there is an even larger unfunded obligation – say \$16 billion to \$18 billion for retiree benefits, such as medical and drug coverage.

We are supportive of HB 1424, only if the potential acquisition is based on market values based on the property's highest and best use and if there is complete assurance that it will be acquired with cash. If the acquisition is not done according to these parameters, we cannot support this bill. In other words, legislative approval and appropriation of funds need to both happen.

We appreciate this opportunity to share our position on HB 1424.

Thank you.

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Anne Summers	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a resident of Maui and an active Hawaii voter, I urge our leaders to support House Bill 1424. Honolulu, for our local people goes beyond monetary value. I urge you to do the will of the people...to do what is pono and support this bill. Mahalo. Aloha, Anne Summers (Hawaii Voter)

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Ashley Meyers	Individual	Support	No

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Audrey Kaneshiro	Individual	Support	No

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Clyde Scheuer	Individual	Support	No

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Councilmember Don Couch	Individual	Support	No

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David Whitmire	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I urge you to support HB1424. This is an important and vital step in preserving and protecting a special place called Honolua Bay. The bay has been under attack from manmade pollution and deadly runoff. The reef is in danger and the time for action is now! The community has ardent support and a well developed coalition to back up your support of this important legislation. Your duty and responsibility will hopefully lead you to do the right thing. Protect this beautiful place. Vote yes on HB1424! Mahalo!

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Donald J Robinson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: HB1424 is a must to preserve and protect not only this important fragile piece of land, but that of the delicate ocean environment that fronts the land. I am not a "tree hugged" but this is too important of a bill to ignore. Please vote to preserve the land for present and future generations. Thank you.

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Fred McConkey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Lets keep at least some of Hawaii Hawaii.

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Fredrick Child	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I strongly support Bill #1424.

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Gerald Durkan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please continue to support the acquisition of Lipoa Point. Maui needs to conserve its open spaces for the public!!! Thank you for doing what is right for our community.

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Goran Radovanovic	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Honolua bay needs to be preserved as a significant culturally valuable area and an extraordinary natural feature to be maintained for future generations on Maui and its visitors. Thank you

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James Harold	Individual	Support	No

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Jeff Morris	Individual	Support	No

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Jeff Schwartz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support enactment of HB1424. This bill is essential to help protect a precious part of the 'aina. Mahalo nui for your consideration. Kula, HI 96790

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John NAYLOR	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The environment is our economy! Please Save our view planes and open spaces !

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Karen Chun	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please acquire Lipoa Point. It is a priceless treasure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kimberly Cooper	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please save the Bay. We are neighbors, live in Kahana Maui and don't want development ruining this beautiful place.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kregg Strehorn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I urge you to support HB1424. This is an important and vital step in preserving and protecting Honolulu Bay. Mahalo.

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Lynn jordan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Mark Rudd	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Do not give up - Protect Honolua

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Max Fancher	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Save honolua!

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Mike Moran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please continue to move this wise bill forward and preserve a valuable natural asset.

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Patricia Osborne	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia Vega	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: We need to save and preserve the natural land on the Islands. To build on them will ruin them. The beauty of the Islands is the reason people come. It is home of indigenous people who have the right to enjoy and preserve the natural beauty of the Islands without having it occluded by buildings put by corporations that are only interested in making more money for themselves at the expense of the Island.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Philip Purpuri	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Honolua should be preserved for the whole world to enjoy in its current, undeveloped state. The natural environment on the island of Maui is unique on Earth and should be preserved as much as possible. Please support HB1424.

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Robin Knox	Individual	Support	No

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Steven Josefsberg	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is with great hope as I watch HB1424 pass through the House and Senate. It is now with the Ways and Means committee. The passing and funding of HB1424 will preserve for future generations Lipoa/Honolua. The people of Hawaii want to see this happen. Honolua Bay is a landmark of great beauty and importance. It deserve our protection. HB1424 is a bill whose passage will make everyone involved proud. Please see fit to continue the positive momentum.

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Susan Kessler	Individual	Support	No

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March 27, 2013

This morning I write to you in support of HB 1424. Natural resources in the islands of Hawaii are becoming more and more threatened. Since we now have an opportunity to save this important part of Hawaii's natural and human history, it is an imperative to do so. Lipoa Point has value to the community, the watershed, the health of the ocean and to the world at large as not only a place of pure, unfettered beauty, but also as a place that will draw many people to bear witness to this incredible ecological masterpiece. It has been proven many times over, that when we, as mankind, put the preservation of the Earth's resources before our own desires to exploit those resources for the short term, that we will be rewarded for many years to come. In Hawaii, and Maui in particular, one only has to look at the example of the Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary to demonstrate how acts of preservation can and do benefit the economy for the long term. I look forward to the passing of HB1424 so that Lipoa Point may be preserved for our current and future generations.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

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Tim garcia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this measure and save Honolua Bay as the treasure it is for all of Hawaii and the visitors who come and visit, Im sorry but MLP are no longer stewards of the lands as they once were and this is a sad tale for maui,,, save Honolua Now !! TY

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