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Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson

Before the House Committee on
FINANCE

Wednesday, February 20, 2013
2:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1424
RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF RESOURCE VALUE LANDS

House Bill 1424 proposes to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department), in consultation with the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust (HILT) and notwithstanding Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) approval, to engage in efforts to acquire the parcel of land located at Lipoa Point, identified as tax map key 2-4-1-001-010-0000. The bill also proposes an appropriation to fully or partly fund the acquisition. **The Department supports the intent of this measure, provided the appropriation does not negatively impact the priorities of the Administration's Biennium Budget request.**

In brief discussions with HILT, the Department has learned that the owner, Maui Land and Pineapple Company, Inc., is a willing seller and that HILT is hiring an appraiser to provide a letter of appraisal and eventually a full appraisal of the subject property and intends to apply for State grant-in-aid to fund the due diligence process. Notwithstanding the Board's approval under Section 173A-5(i), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), the Department is able to continue discussions with HILT regarding the acquisition of the subject property pursuant to the regular due diligence procedures of the Department, the approval of the Board under Section 171-30, HRS, and the approval of the attorney general required under Section 107-10, HRS. The Department supports acquisition provided that the designated management program has the capacity to manage the property for its cultural and recreational values.

The Department presently provides funding to Maui Land and Pineapple Company, Inc., for conservation and restoration actions in its mauka watershed forests through grant agreements from the Natural Area Partnership Program and the Forest Stewardship Program.

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February 19, 2013

TO: Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Robert Carroll
Council Member, East Maui

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Carroll".

DATE: Wednesday, February 20, 2013

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT HB 1424, RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF RESOURCE
VALUE LANDS**

I support HB 1424 for the reasons cited in testimony submitted by the Maui County Council Chair, and urge you to support this measure.

Yes on HB 1424

It is of the utmost importance to preserve Lipoa Point and Honolua Bay for the health of the environment, the culture of Hawaii and for the millions of tourist dollars this area generates for the island every year, without exception.

To put the land into a trust in order to eliminate the threat of development and allow public access in perpetuity is a critical step in maintaining what makes the island of Maui and the archipelago of Hawaii so special not only to the community but to the tourist industry.

Every time I travel to Hawaii, for work and for pleasure, I always enjoy the beauty of the island, the pristine waters of Honolua Bay, the open space of the land. It is critical that these lands stay protected and we now have a great opportunity to do this!

The people that live on Maui rely on this space for cultural and historic reasons. It is respect for the land that keeps Hawaii so important. We have an opportunity to save this small yet extremely important area for generations to come. Please support HB1424.

Mahalo and thank you in advance for making the right decision.

Sincerely,

Susan Seubert

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Councilmember Don Couch	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Spalding Matson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Very strong support for HB 1424. Honolua Bay and Lipoa Point must be protected and preserved for present and future generations - in perpetuity!

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Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

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David Whitmire	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I urge you to vote in favor of HB1424. This is an important step in protecting Honolulu Bay. The bay is under assault from human construction and waste. The local community has worked tirelessly with one goal as Saving Honolulu. This is a special place and deserves a unique solution. Voting YES on HB1424 will move the bay and surrounding aina to be enjoyed by the public and protected from ruin. I find it your duty and obligation to assist the local community of Honolulu and vote in favor of HB1424. Mahalo.

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Donald Howland	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Protect Honalua from development! Please

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Philip Purpuri	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Honolua Bay and its surroundings are a Hawaiian treasure, admired by people around the planet. It deserves protection.

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Don Whitebread	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a photographer and I made a black and white photography portfolio of the clearing just inland from Honolua Bay in 2010 that has been published and exhibited widely on the mainland. I can't begin to count the number of times I've heard what a magnificent, one-of-a-kind location Honolua is. Please vote Yes on HB 1424 to protect Honola.

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louise s. rockett	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please support HB 1424 we need to save honolua bay and lipoa point for future generations. it is a treasurer that we need to preserve and protect forever.

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Gina Parola	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I think this property need to be accessible to all and not be threatened with development . I am in favor of HB 1424. Gina Parola

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Jessica	Individual	Support	No

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Karen Volarich	Individual	Support	No

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emily Hoots	Individual	Support	No

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mark rudd	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes on HB 1424 - Protect Lipoa Point

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Audrey Kaneshiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes on HB1424

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Martha E Martin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please approve HB 1424. Lipoa Point needs protection from land development next to it. The reef and shore are threatened when coastal lands nearby are subdivided and construction takes place. We can't make new marine preserves and must save the ones that exist.

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