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Orpha Kaina	Aha Moku - Ka'anapali	Support	No

Comments: Aloha. This is Kupuna Kaina from the moku of Ka'anapali. I am part of Aha Moku. Please pass HB 1424 to preserve Kulaokaea/Honolua. This area is full of sacred sites. Mahalo.

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HAWAIIAN ISLANDS
LAND TRUST

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March 18, 2013

Re: HB 1424

Aloha Senator Solomon, Chair, Senator Shimabukuro, Vice Chair, and other distinguished members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land,

My name is Edward Sortwell Clement, Jr., and I am the Executive Director of the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust ("HILT"). I respectfully request that you support HB 1424 which would help protect the Lipoa Point and Honolua Bay area.

Hawai'i's long-term well-being, environmentally, economically, and otherwise, is directly linked to the land and the choices we make about it. Indeed, Hawaii's state motto proclaims, *"The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness."* Thus, Hawai'i is fortunate to have a statewide, non-profit land trust, HILT, the first nationally accredited land trust in Hawai'i, with a mission to protect the places that sustain us for current and future generations.

Honolua Bay is an incredibly rich and culturally important area, with numerous archaeological sites dating back hundreds of years. As the site where the voyaging canoe Hokule'a left for Tahiti, Honolua tells the story of the Hawaiian people, representing both the connection to our land, and the struggle to protect and preserve the wisdom which the kupuna handed down to us through the generations.

In addition to the rich cultural history of this area, preserving this site will also ensure greater protection through active stewardship of the sensitive ecosystems of Honolua and the adjacent ocean. These include the Honolua Marine Reserve and the four miles of coastline stretching between Honokohau and Honolua. Although decades of commercial agriculture have dramatically altered the environment, we are very confident that through thoughtful and sustained stewardship this coastline will support numerous native species, including threatened and endangered flora and fauna. A refuge which would protect Honolua and Lipoa Point in perpetuity could also serve as a model for future sustainability, and we would particularly welcome the restoration of traditional community farming practices, such as lo'i kalo.

Protecting this unique area will also help keep Hawai'i a desirable place to live, work and visit – factors which are critical to Hawai'i's economy.

HILT is working collaboratively with a number of groups and organizations to ensure that the voice of the community is heard in this process and that the vision and values of our partners, such as the Save Honolua Coalition come to fruition. The work of the Save Honolua Coalition has been invaluable in providing a forum for the community to be heard and we anticipate working very closely with them, and other stakeholders to bring this vision into a reality which benefits everyone who knows and loves Honolua.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this effort to protect the Honolua Bay and Lipoa Point area for the lasting benefit of the public.

Sincerely,

Edward S. Clement, Jr.

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THE SENATE
Committee on Water and Land
Senator Malama Solomon, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
State Capitol, Conference Room 225
Tuesday, March 19, 2013; 1:20 p.m.

STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 1424
RELATING TO ACQUISITION OF RESOURCE VALUE LANDS

The ILWU Local 142 supports H.B. 1424, which requires DLNR, in consultation with the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust and notwithstanding board approval, to engage in efforts to acquire the parcel of land located at Lipoa Point.

There is no question that Lipoa Point should be preserved from development for generations of Hawaii residents and visitors alike to enjoy. Its historical, cultural, recreational, and scenic value is unquestioned.

In addition, the owners of the land need to obtain fair market value for the land in order to fulfill its commitment in the form of pension benefits to hundreds of its former employees. Lipoa Point in Honolua has been pledged against the pension fund, which is currently underfunded and in jeopardy. However, concern is that downzoning of the land will generate far less revenue than is needed to forestall bankruptcy of the fund. The current and future retirees of the landowner's former employees, most of them former members of the ILWU, are reliant on the health of the pension fund for their future welfare.

To strengthen the bill, we recommend that language be inserted to tie the sale to ensuring the solvency of the pension fund. Without such language, the landowner will not be obligated to use the proceeds from the land sale to shore up the pension fund.

The ILWU urges passage of H.B. 1424 with language to require proceeds from the sale to be put into the pension fund. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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From: John Naylor [jdancer@kula.us]
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2013 8:36 PM
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Aloha !
Please put Honolua into a land trust!
Mahalo,
John Naylor

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Piikea Tomczyk

From: Peregrine Bosler [pfbosler@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 7:25 AM
To: WTLTestimony
Subject: Honolua

Hello There,

In fact, after experiencing living near Honolua, I cannot imagine ever returning to visit Maui without Honolua intact. This is a beautiful and sacred place. It is also important to see that in order to keep Maui as a tourism destination- Maui must preserve some of what makes it unique and worthy of visiting. There are plenty of hotels and golf courses in much cheaper vacation spots. There is only one pristine recreation meca like Honolua.

Best,
Peregrine Bosler
Events Manager at Utah State University

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Piikea Tomczyk

From: Calea Dallara [caleamichelle@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 4:39 AM
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I SUPPORT HB 1424!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Piikea Tomczyk

From: Mark Deakos [deakos@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 10:32 PM
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Subject: I Support HB 1424

Please support HHB 1424.

Mark Deakos

Piikea Tomczyk

From: David Kraemer [davidkraemer2001@gmail.com]
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note new cellphone number below
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Teri Corpuz	Individual	Support	No

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Alicia Iverson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support no development at Honolua Bay/Lipoa point. Thank you

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Dave Clary	Individual	Support	No

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From: Donna Brown [donnabro@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 5:04 PM
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i support HB 1424. We are losing many of our special places here in Hawaii Nei. Please protect and do whatever we can do to save Honolua Bay area for the future.
Aloha, Donna Brown
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From: Don Whitebread [dwhitebread@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 2:23 PM
To: WTLTestimony
Subject: Support HB 1424

Aloha,

I would like to add my support to the movement toward passage of HB 1424. I am a landscape photographer and made a portfolio of images of the trees near Honolua Bay that has been exhibited in a number of galleries on the mainland and published in Black and White Magazine. The beauty of this area is truly irreplaceable. Please protect the Honolua Bay/Lipoa Point area by placing it into a land trust.

Mahalo,

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Piikea Tomczyk

From: Charlie Lindsey [CLindsey@kirc.hawaii.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 2:09 PM
To: WTLTestimony
Subject: SUPPORT OF HB 1424

TO ALL SOH GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

PLEASE SUPPORT HB 1424, I'M AN OLD TIME LAHAINA, HONOLUA RESIDENT. LET'S KEEP AND PROTECT THIS VERY PRECIOUS KULEANA AINA.

CHARLES & ELNA LINDSEY
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My name is Tamara Paltin, I am the President of a 501c3 non-profit, Save Honolua Coalition. Our organization is in full support of HB1454, Honolua Bay and the area commonly referred to as Lipoa point but traditionally known as Kulaokaea holds tremendous resource value for the state of Hawaii. The value is in the open spaces and public access which would be lost if this area was allowed to be developed.

Our community has been speaking out to maintain open space at Kulaokaea for many years and there is now a rare opportunity with a landowner willing to sell this valuable parcel, a successful land trust willing to take on the land and all proceeds being dedicated to unfunded pensioner liabilities - ILWU, etc.

This bill will allow us to save an area that has so much meaning and has yet to be tainted by private, commercial development. Future generations can learn that Honolua is one of the famous bays of Piilani (Na Honoapiilani) and it is still in a natural state. It has a literal meaning of the "two bays" and a kaona meaning of the "fighting bay" the next bay North Honokohau was documented to be a major food source in the area and Honolua may have been the area where our ancestors stood to protect those resources, the area where we stand today to protect our natural resources from development. Once the area is developed it will never be the same and this bay is so unique because it is the most sheltered from prevailing trade winds making it ideal for all manner of aquatic activities, which would be threatened if development were allowed to occur.

In the seventies, the former major landowner of the area realized what a special place Honolua is and with the help of the community created the Honolua Bay – Mokuleia marine life conservation district. However, no protection was given to mauka lands and so because of development and past harmful agricultural practices the ecosystem of this area has been in decline. Even though the area is not as pristine as it was decades ago it is still beloved by many and if the community is given the opportunity to take care of this parcel with the guidance of the aha moku council it could become a model for the future of land conservation with respect to culture in Hawaii.

Honolua Bay is also a major revenue source for our state regardless of season or weather hundreds if not thousands of visitors come to experience the beauty that is Honolua; a beauty that we hope to perpetuate and continue to share.

Mahalo for your support

Tamara Paltin, President Save Honolua Coalition