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**Testimony of
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**Before the House Committees on
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
and
WATER & LAND**

**Wednesday, January 22, 2014
9:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1553
MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

House Bill 1553 proposes to appropriate funds for the administrative and operational expenses of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee and appropriate funds for the community education on the administrative structure regarding the Aha Moku System and on natural and cultural resource management. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget request.**

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Aloha Madam Chair Hanohano, vice chair Cullen and members of the Committee. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC) here to represent sixty six affiliate clubs in fifteen states on the continent as well as throughout Hawaii. Hauoli Makahiki Hou and best wishes for a successful session.

It is a pleasure to be here to support HB 1553 appropriating funds for the Aha Moku Advisory Committee that will finally get this special group activated and productive on a larger than volunteer scale. The AHCC has been supporting Aha Moku from concept to reality....it's been seven or eight years now, and we are happy to be here again in support.

We will continue to work with the committee to achieve its goals that in the long run will benefit not only the Hawaiian population but also the general public.

Thank you for the opportunity to support HB 1553.

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**Testimony of Leslie Kuloloio
Aha Moku, Moku O Kanaloa**

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The ahupua'a and moku communities are comprised of native Hawaiian communities and the general public who are dedicated to the sustainability of Hawaii's natural and cultural resources.

We are strongly in support of the Aha Moku system and urge the legislature to support H.B. 1553.

Mahalo,

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**Testimony of Piilani Kaawaloa
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Mahalo,

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Mahalo,

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Comments: Encourage support for this legislation to enable the 'Aha Moku Advisory Committee to do their work.

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