

LATE TESTIMONY

HB 17



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 17, HD1 WITH A PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Aloha Chair Solomon and Members of the Committee:

The Sierra Club of Hawai'i, with over 10,000 members and supporters, respectfully *supports* HB 17, HD1. This measure requires ongoing maintenance by adjoining properties in order to ensure continued access to our public beaches.

Overgrown plants, sometimes intentionally allowed to overgrow the shoreline and beach access, deter the reasonable use of our public beaches and trails. In order to maintain the safety of our residents and our guests, we need to ensure access and use of our beaches is maintained.

By ensuring the public continues to have access and use of our beaches, HB 17 helps protect Hawaii's proud public access tradition.

Proposed Amendment. This measure has been tested and is proven to work. The two-year sunset provision should be removed so as to avoid wasting legislative resources analyzing this matter again for a third time in six years.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ron Tubbs	Hawaii Tropical Aquarium Fish Association	Oppose	No

Comments: Opposed to HB 17 3-19-13 1:20 PM Room 225 I am writing in opposition to HB 17 HB 666 and SB 568. Please do not include HB 666 and SB 568 with HB 17. Please oppose these bills they do not make since scientifically or ecologically. I like having beach access but do we really need another law to make land owners remove over grown plants? The most abundant mineral on the planet is silica and that is what most sand is. I am a tropical fish diver and most of the ocean around all Hawaii Islands is sand. It is very abundant! I do not take sand for my aquariums very much. I have taken only 5 gallons in 20 years as it last forever for my wrasse fish tank. I need sand for these fish to keep them live and healthy. I know some have said there is a concern for contractors from some that using sand on job sites or for the taking of sand for commercial purposes but at 5 gallons per day per person it is not seem likely any commercial business will go out of it's way to get \$4 in sand. The cost of gas to the ocean instead of to the hardware store is more than \$4. And if they do why is it an issue. It is the most abundant resource in Hawaii! Sand is also a renewable resource as millions of parrot fish eat coral and poop it out by the acre every year. Ok now you are thinking if we take sand it takes away our beaches. Well not at a 5 gallons per day per person limit. Erosion not sand thieves are the cause of our beaches being washed away. Global warming is also a factor. In thirty years of ocean based diving I have never seen anyone take sand! Oppose this unneeded legislation. I am virtually unbiased in this as like I said I do not take or sell sand. Thanks, Ron Tubbs BS ND RT Distributors Inc. Marine fish wholesale.

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14 February 2013

To: Senator Malama Solomon, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
And members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land

From: R. Kawahine Kamakea-Ohelo

RE: HB 17, HSCR663 Relating to Coastal Areas – STRONG SUPPORT

Aloha Kakou:

As a resident of Waimānalo, my family and I frequent the beaches along Waimānalo's coastline and also on the Leeward side of O'ahu. Part of our subsistence comes from being able to access the ocean to fish, gather limu, and sea urchins, etc. We also love spending quality time as a family enjoying the beach (swimming, picnicking, sun bathing, etc) and the outdoors.

This bill will ensure shoreline access to public beaches by imposing adjacent landowners penalties for non-compliance to the coastal zone management statutes. Our beaches are being infringed upon by homeowners living next to beach access for example decreasing the size of the beach by introducing planting on the sand. Some of the planting on the sand are causing for beach erosion similar to seawalls. Besides the encroachment of the plantings by homeowners it is lessening the space needed by large families like us to enjoy ourselves. This bill will also establish penalties for landowners who violate the law giving the Dept. of Land and Natural Resources the ability to enforce the law and fines after fair warning.

I strongly concur and support with what this bill, HB 17, HSCR663 is trying to do.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

R. Kawahine Kamakea-Ohelo

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Pauline Mac Neil	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB 17 HDI. It would be an even better bill if it were extended in perpetuity. This would draw attention to global warming, rising sea levels, and the decisions government and land owners must make on future building setbacks. Mahalo for introducing this bill. Pauline mac neil Kailua, HI 96734

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Carl Pao Jellings Sr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Auina la Honorable Senators Committee on Water and Land Want to send My Strong Support for HB17 Aloha and Mahalo Carl Pao Jellings Sr

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