

TESTIMONY

HB414 HD2

Measure Title: RELATING TO WAIPIO VALLEY.

Report Title: Waipio Valley Advisory Commission; Flood Mitigation; Appropriation (\$)

Description: Establishes the Waipio Valley Advisory Commission to advise the Department of Land and Natural Resources on the development of a long-term plan for ensuring the proper stewardship, preservation, and maintenance of Waipio Valley. Appropriates funds for the design and construction of flood damage reduction and stream stabilization in Waipio Valley. Effective July 1, 2020. (HB414 HD2)

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: WTL, WAM

Introducer(s): NAKASHIMA, AWANA, BELATTI, EVANS, HANOHANO, MIZUNO, NISHIMOTO, ONISHI, SAIKI, Luke

<u>Sort by Date</u>		Status Text
3/7/2013	S	Received from House (Hse. Com. No. 215).
3/7/2013	S	Passed First Reading.
3/7/2013	S	Referred to WTL, WAM.
3/12/2013	S	The committee(s) on WTL has scheduled a public hearing on 03-19-13 1:20PM in conference room 225.

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Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND

Tuesday, March 19, 2013
1:20 pm
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 414, HOUSE DRAFT 2
RELATING TO WAIPIO VALLEY

House Bill 414, House Draft 2 proposes to: 1) Establish the Waipio Valley Advisory Commission to advise the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) on the development of a long term plan for ensuring the proper stewardship and maintenance of Waipio Valley; and 2) Appropriate unspecified funds for the design and construction of flood damage reduction and stream stabilization in Waipio Valley. **The Department appreciates the intent of this Bill, the Department nevertheless is concerned with the cost implications any appropriation will have on the Department's priorities in the Executive Budget.**

The Department manages only a small portion of land in Waipio Valley (Valley) with the north-west valley wall managed by the Department's Division of Forestry and Wildlife. The Valley bottom is composed of subsistence landowner tenants who cultivate taro and other sustainable agriculture producers. Many obtain their farm leases from Bishop Museum and Kamehameha Schools who are the major landowners in the Valley with many other individual landowners.

With regard to PART II of this measure, in order to implement the recommendations at the Kawashima Watershed and Linda Beech Crossing which were identified in the January 2012 Waipio Valley Flood Damage Reduction and Stream Stabilization Preliminary Investigation Report, the Department will need an appropriation of at least \$2,160,000 to fund the design and construction at these two (2) specific locations. Without this funding, the Department will be unable to implement the recommendations identified in the Report.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amy Brinker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Cleon Bailey	Individual	Oppose	No

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Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i support urgent passage of this bill to help protect preserve ancient hawaiian lands and culture

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