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COMMITTEE ON OCEAN MARINE RESOURCES AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

HOUSE BILL 709, HD1 (HSCR 149-14) RELATING TO OCEAN RESOURCES

Friday, 2/07/14; 9:15 am; Room 325

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 support HB709HD1.

As a community-based Hawaiian organization the AHCC believes in the discussion of issues and the public outreach meetings proposed in this bill should help to alleviate controversies currently surrounding coastal zone management on all islands. With respect to the outreach meetings, our civic clubs could be of assistance.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Makaala Kaaumoana	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I strongly oppose this bill as the action called for to conduct hearings related to public resources is the responsibility of the state and should not be delegated to anyone else. This is a very dangerous precedent to set and an abrogation of the state's duties and responsibilities.

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February 7, 2014

Representative Faye P. Hanohano, Chair
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair
House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

Support of Intent, Comments and Suggested Revisions for HB 709, HD1, Relating to Ocean Resources (Appropriates funds for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct public outreach meetings to adopt rules on statewide coastal management. Effective July 1, 2014).

Friday, February 7, 2014, at 9:15 a.m., in Conference Room 325

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. LURF's mission is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources, and public health and safety.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to express its **support of the intent and to provide comments and suggested revisions relating to HB 709, HD1.**

HB 709, HD1. This bill proposes to appropriate funds out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii for the DLNR, in consultation with the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, to conduct public outreach meetings on each island for the purpose of adopting rules on statewide coastal management.

LURF's Position. The DLNR's statewide rules on coastal management will have a major impact on owners of lands abutting the shoreline, businesses, organizations and members of the public ("Stakeholders"). LURF believes that the funding provided by this bill should be used to provide all affected Stakeholders with crucial notice and information relating to public outreach meetings for DLNR's proposed rules on the statewide coastal management. Providing notice to all affected Stakeholders will provide them with the opportunity for full and fair public input for the long-term betterment of the statewide coastal management program.

To further the interests of transparency and full participation by the affected Stakeholders, LURF respectfully requests that this Committee consider amending the HB 709, HD1, as follows:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the department of land and natural resources, in consultation with the executive director of the aha moku advisory committee, to conduct public outreach meetings on each island for the purpose of adopting rules regarding statewide coastal management, pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The sum appropriated shall be used to create a data base including names and addresses of all owners of lands abutting the shoreline and to provide notice and information to all land owners abutting the shoreline, and businesses, organizations and members of the public who will be affected by the rules regarding statewide coastal management.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

For the above reasons, LURF **supports HB 709, HD1**, and respectfully urges your favorable consideration of the proposed amendment to the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding this matter.