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Aloha Committee on Water and Land,
Again, thank you for your support of HB988 and allowing me to provide testimony. As requested, attached please find my testimony in writing and I apologize for the late submission.



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Testimony of Cara Goodrich
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And
Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

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Place Conference Room 325
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 988

Chairs Evans and Lee, and members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to give testimony in support of HB 988.

I am the Hospitality Advisor Volunteer for the Hawaii Wildlife Center and in my regular work as you can guess is in Tourism Industry and I am employed by a large hotel and condominium management company that has its roots in Hawaii. I am here today representing my individual and personal testimony in support of HB988.

Hawaii's indigenous Birds have had a place in Hawaii history since the beginning of time, Hawaiian patterns, songs, hula have all told stories of Hawaii's birds and their place in the Hawaiian culture. Hawaii's indigenous Birds contributed their feathers to make cloaks, hats and other artwork, were kept as pets, and perhaps even eaten. Hawaii took much from our Hawaiian wildlife on our own accord and the Hawaii Wildlife Center is an organization that giving back...Tourism needs Hawaiian Wildlife to keep Hawaii special, significant and not just another pretty face as far as a destination is concerned.

The Hawaii Wildlife Center is the connector of science, history, culture. They understand the importance of our Hawaii's wildlife to our Ecosystem and embraces our very special Hawaiian history and culture. As Linda Elliott mentioned, they collaborate with the Fish & Wildlife Service, the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, but like any other business need financial resources to keep the Center open and be prepared to handle emergencies. This is how we can continue to give back to what we originally took from nature and help Hawaii's wildlife not go into extinction.

This Center is founded by a professional who has the experience in responding to any type of disaster as she has about 20 years of experience in wildlife response projects, working 18 oiled wildlife responses worldwide. She was the Rehabilitation Director for the world's largest and most successful oiled penguin response in South Africa, she was instrumental in releasing 93% of 20,000 treated penguins. More recently, she was with Focus Wildlife International rescuing nearly 3,000 oiled birds, mammals and freshwater turtles at the Marshall Michigan oil pipeline leak on the Kalamazoo River, 2010. These experiences gives her the field expertise that will be needed as well as many valuable contacts with other experts around the world.

I would like to urge you to create a Wildlife Recovery and rehabilitation special fund knowing that the Hawaii Wildlife Center has the experience and capability to respond to any oil and fuel related disaster affecting native wildlife in the State.

The Hawaii Wildlife Center wants to perpetuate the survival of all of Hawaii's Indigenous Birds and wildlife so that we will have something to share to our keiki and visitors for generations to come.

Mahalo nui loa for your allowing me to comment on my support of HB988

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Increases the environmental response, energy, and food security tax by an unspecified amount until 06/30/15 and then by 2 cents per barrel on 07/01/15, and deposits the increases into the wildlife recovery and rehabilitation special fund. Establishes the wildlife recovery and rehabilitation special fund to support the operations of a facility to respond to oil and fuel-related disasters affecting native wildlife in the State. Effective 07/01/13