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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, January 29, 2014
8:45 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1921
RELATING TO MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

House Bill 1921 proposes to prohibit the taking of aquatic life from and feeding fish within two miles of the shoreline of Ni'ihau but would exempt residents and guests of residents of the island from these provisions. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates the intent of this bill but feels the bill is not needed.

The Department is working on an administrative rule for Ni'ihau and would prefer that activities around Ni'ihau be managed through a rule rather than through a statute. The rule process allows for the development of a more comprehensive and detailed management scheme, would provide more discussion opportunities in the local communities, and enable the Department to amend the rules as the need arises. We believe that we already have the necessary legislative authorities to achieve the intent of this legislation.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OCEAN MARINE RESOURCES and HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

HB 1921 RELATING TO MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Wednesday; 1/29/14; Room 325; 8:45a.m.

Aloha Madam Chair Hanohano and members of the Committee on Ocean Marine Resources and Hawaiian Affairs. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Affairs here to speak in support of this bill that would serve to protect the resources of Hawaii's less populated islands, such as Niihau, where the residents rely heavily on the island's fisheries for daily subsistence.

A marine life conservation district such as proposed here would empower the residents to manage and regulate the nearshore fisheries in much the same way as the kupuna did through the konohiki system. It was the konohiki who understood the seasons and controlled the community's fishing through kapu, assuring a steady and reliable supply of food.

Just as we rely on the current residents of Niihau to help us in maintaining our native language and cultural values, so must we assist them to keep a traditional and customary lifestyle without the detrimental intrusions of contemporary society.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony for OMH on Jan 29, 2014 08:45AM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
makani	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Teresa L. Nakama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly oppose this bill, it violates my constitutional rights Article 12 Section 7 Rights to gather. I find that the truth is not being told and there is no true science that this bill is based on, and this bill uses the ignorance of true science base studies. The opihi are still in abundance, just not where the access is easy accessible to the public and heavily developed populated areas. On every Island there are areas there have no access to the public and marine species and opihi thrives in abundance. Areas like the Hamakua Pali, Valleys, and were there are no roads that leads to the coastal areas.

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Jerome Kelii Marks	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill violates my right to gather artical 12 section 7 native gathering rights

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Bobby-John Campbell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have been a fisherman all my life and I think it should be the responsibility of all the people living on Ni'ihau to decide how they want to manage their fishery resource. After all, unlike the majority of the state they have actually taken care of their resource and utilized it sustainably. If the Ni'ihau community is in fact noticing a decrease in their fish stock due to commercial and recreational fishing coming from Kaua'i and other islands, I think that it should be their right to protect the resource that sustains them. By preventing outside take of ocean resources from Ni'ihau and allowing the Ni'ihau community to manage their resource as they see fit through the CBSFA, this will allow the Ni'ihau community to continue living a traditional Hawaiian lifestyle, which has become near impossible to do anywhere else in Hawai'i. Protecting Ni'ihau's fishery goes beyond just feeding the people on the island and keeping the fishery healthy. If the people of Ni'ihau can no longer subsist off of their ocean resources, it could well be the fall of the last real Hawaiian community in the world. It is that Hawaiian community that has shared their knowledge with the rest of Hawai'i to revitalize many cultural aspects lost elsewhere. It would be a shame to lose such a valuable resource just because fishermen from other areas that have poorly managed their own resources are now taking, and depleting those elsewhere. Just because the fisheries have been poorly preserved in most other areas shouldn't give others the right to go destroy what the Ni'ihau community has maintained, especially due to Ni'ihau's greater reliance on the resource than most other communities. As for the Ni'ihau families and friends on Kaua'i and other islands, perhaps the Ni'ihau community can include them somehow into their CBSFA to allow access with a Ni'ihau community member or something along those lines. Whatever those regulations are, I believe they should originate from the need of the Ni'ihau community, and not the want of fishermen who haven't the desire to help restore their own areas but are more than happy to take from others.

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Submitted on: 1/25/2014

Testimony for OMH on Jan 29, 2014 08:45AM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ian Amaki	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Aloha my name is Ian Amaki and I was bored and raised on the island of Kauai. I work as a commercial tour boat captain and I love being on the ocean. Like many other Hawaiians I rely on the ocean to feed my family. I don't like to always fish in the same a rea because eventually the fishing grounds will be deleted of fish. I like to fish in different spots and Niihau is one of those spots. I look forward to going to Niihau because its not everyday you can cross the Ka'ula Kahi Channel with her rough and unforgiving weather conditions. I feel that having only 30-60 Hawaiians being allowed to fish on the island of Niihau is selfish; therefore, I oppose bill hb1921. I believe the ocean should be for everyone.

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HB1685

Submitted on: 1/26/2014

Testimony for OMH on Jan 29, 2014 08:45AM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
reiko muratake	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I Reiko Muratake appose to these bills HB1685, HB1686, HB1687 HB1707, HB1921

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Aloha,
my name is Tadashi Muratake, and I oppose this Bill. As a fisherman of Hawaiian decent I find this Bill highly offensive. To take away such a large portion of my fishing grounds would be destructive to my family's survival. Further more there is still no hard data to support such a harsh measure. Questions like, how many people currently live on Niihau, how much fish do they consume annually, what is the fish population, what was the fish population five years ago, what is the impact on the fishery as a result of the state bringing monk seals from the Northwest Hawaiian islands to Niihau still need to be answered before making new rules that would have such a deep impact on so many people. Trying to protect the rights of one group of Hawaiians by stepping on the rights of other Hawaiians is not the answer. working together we can come up with a better solution. Mahalo,and Aloha.

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HB2101

Submitted on: 1/27/2014

Testimony for OMH/WAL on Jan 27, 2014 09:00AM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelly McHugh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this important measure to provide financial support and stability of the restoration and protection of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve, which will benefit all of Hawaii's people for generations to come.

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HB1921

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anthony coscia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To committee OMH, that is holding a hearing on JAN 29TH, 2014 at 8:45 a.m. HB 1921 starts off as following: The legislature finds that Hawaii's fisheries have historically provided a critical source of physical, cultural, and spiritual sustenance for the inhabitants of the Hawaiian islands. After such a powerful statement, I was disappointed to read on about the state attempting to close down fishing access to one of the Hawaiian islands. I have been lucky enough to make numerous journeys across the channel, from Kauai to Niihau. Fishing in hawaii, unlike many places all around the country, is not as much of a sport as it is a way of life. Local fisherman depend on fishing these waters without restrictions, not only to provide fish on the table for dinner, but so some may sell fish and provide others with food that they would not otherwise have the means to go and and get themselves. I am a full supporter and believer of any bill that helps make the lives of Niihau residents easier, however I feel as if we must look at the larger scale picture. Why close off two miles of shoreline all the way around the island if the residents of the island live mostly in one village, fronting one section of shoreline? Kauai has a populations of tens of thousands of residents. Although people will say fish were more plentiful years ago, you can still put a mask in the water almost all around kauai and find large groups of fish and coral. These areas are heavily fished by shoreline fisherman and divers and they continue to feed residents of Kauai and other islands. Why must such abrupt actions take place to protect so much shoreline of an island that has such few residents? I fear more regulations and none fishing areas will continue to pop up through Hawaii if HB 1921 goes through. I will state again, I am in full agreement to protect Hawaiian culture and residents of Niihau, but we must find a way to do that without hurting other Hawaii residents. We must not let military contracts and government money shape Hawaii's future any longer. Aloha.

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ALOHA

MY NAME IS EDWIN RAY "A'ALONA" DELA CRUZ. I OPPOSE THIS BILL.

I AM FROM WAIMEA VALLEY KAUAI, BORN AND RAISED. FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, MY DAD AND HIS FRIENDS WOULD PLAN TRIPS ACROSS TO NI'IIHAU TO DIVE, FISH AND/OR PICK OPIHI. THIS WAS ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS PERMITTING. I ALWAYS LOOKED FORWARD TO THESE TRIPS, WELL THE ONES I WAS INVITED TO GO ALONG ON. THERE WASN'T ALWAYS ROOM FOR A LITTLE KID TO TAG ALONG. AS I GOT OLDER I GOT INVITED MORE OFTEN AS I WOULD BE MORE HELPFUL THAN IN THE WAY. AS AN ADULT I HAVE PLANNED TRIPS OF OWN MY WITH FRIENDS AS MY DAD DID DURING THE YRS OF MY YOUTH. A COUPLE YRS AGO I WAS ABLE TO TAKE MY DAUGHTER WITH US WHICH I KNEW SHE ENJOYED AS I DID WHEN I WAS HER AGE COMING ACROSS FOR THE FIRST TIME. SHE CONTINUOUSLY ASKS ME WHEN WE CAN GO AGAIN. WEATHER DOESN'T ALWAYS WORK WITH OUR SCHEDULE. SOMEDAY I'LL TAKE MY SON. I PERSONALLY TEACH BOTH MY DAUGHTER HI'ILEI (15) AND SON KAIAO (13) HOW TO DIVE , FISH AND PICK OPIHI. I ALSO TAKE ANY OF THEIR FRIENDS WITH US THAT HAVE THE DESIRE TO LEARN THIS ART AS I HAVE. JUST FOR THE RECORD I'M A RECREATIONAL DIVER, DIVING FOR SUBSISTENCE. FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND ABOUT THIS BILL, IT'S TO PROTECT THE WATERS SURROUNDING THE ISLAND FOR SUBSISTENCE USE. WELL THAT IS THE MAIN REASON I GO THERE. ALSO THERE IS A POPULATION OF THIRTY (30) PEOPLE LIVING ON THE ISLAND. IS THERE REALLY NOT ENUFF FISH TO GO AROUND WITH THE FEW PEOPLE THAT HAVE BOATS LARGE ENUFF TO MAKE THE TRIP THERE AND BACK SAFELY. THIS TRIP ISN'T ONE THE CAN BE MADE REGULARLY, AS MOST PEOPLE THAT GO THEIR DON'T OWN LARGE BOATS. MOST OF THE PEOPLE LIVING THERE DON'T FISH OR DIVE. THIS IS COMING FROM FRIENDS AND OHANA THAT COME FROM NI'IIHAU. GROWING UP IN WAIMEA I REMEMBER SEEING THE FAMILIES OF NI'IIHAU SHOPPING AT ISHIHARA AND BIG SAVE SUPERMARKETS BUYING CASES AND PALETS OF SUPPLIES TO BRING BACK TO NI'IIHAU ON THE ROBINSON BARDGE THAT PERIODICALLY TRANSITS BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN KAUAI AND NI'IIHAU. ANOTHER COMMENT WAS MADE THAT THIS WAS BEING DONE TO PROTECT CULTURAL PRACTICES AND BELIEFS. PLEASE EXPLAIN TO ME HOW HELICOPTER TOURS, HUNTING AND FISHING EXPEDITIONS/ TOURS ARE CULTURAL. HUNTING OF ANIMALS NOT NATIVE TO THE ISLANDS. THESE ANIMALS WERE BROUGHT IN AND FARMED FOR THE EXOTIC HUNTING PURPOSES. AGAIN PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THAT FALLS UNDER CULTURAL PRACTICES. ALSO EXPLAIN TO ME HOW MILITARY PRESENCE ON THE ISLAND IS CULTURAL. RADAR SYSTEMS, HELIPAD, AIRSTIP AND SPECIAL OPS TRAINING. AS AN INDIVIDUAL BORN AND RAISED ON THESE ISLANDS, I LIVE OFF THE OCEAN PARTIALLY AS A LIFESTYLE. I CAN GO ON AND ON ABOUT HOW I AM A NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND SUCH BUT I THINK THAT THIS IS MORE THAN JUST A HAWAIIAN THING. IT'S MORE OF A COMMUNITY (OCEAN USERS COMMUNITY) ISSUE. HOW WILL BILLS LIKE THIS PROTECT US AS KAUAIANS FROM RESIDENTS OF ALL THE OTHER ISLANDS FROM UTILIZING OUR RESOURCES, AS WELL AS ALL THE ISLANDS FROM EACH

OTHER. GIVEN MORE NOTICE AND HEARING LOCATION ON KAUAI, WE WOULD HAVE A BETTER TURN OUT IN RESPONSE TO THIS ISSUE. THE FEW KAUAI FISHERMEN THAT GO ACROSS TO NI'IIHAU IS THE ONES MOSTLY EFFECTED BY THESE BILLS. MOST WERE UNAWARE AND OR UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS HEARING HERE ON OAHU DUE TO IT'S LOCATION. THIS HEARING SHOULD HAVE BEEN HELD ON KAUAI WHERE IT HAS THE BIGGEST IMPACT. THIS IS JUST MY OPINION. THAT WAY THE PEOPLE OF NI'IIHAU MAY ALSO VOICE THEIR OPINION ON THIS MATTER. ONCE AGAIN I APPOSE THIS BILL. IF IT MAKES ANY DIFFERENCE, I AM A NATIVE HAWAIIAN.

MAHALO NUI LOA

EDWIN RAY "A'ALONA" DELA CRUZ

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Robbie Silva Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose bill 1921 because it is our right to fish the waters of Hawaii and take fish for consumption as native Hawaiians we deserve the right to fish in these waters because it is our gathering rights

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donovan Gadingan	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I have alot of respect for culture and traditions, but as a spearfisherman I have not noticed any decline of fish and opihi. I recently just witnessed seeing hundreds of juvenile uhu swimming around me and other fish species. When I dive and harvest opihi I only take what I can eat it is to dangerous to be swimming with a large amount of fish.

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Kahea	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha mai, I am writing in support of this bill with an amendment to Section 2b. I'd like to request that "one hundred and five hundred" be changed to "one and five hundred." To help clarify this point, even if there is one resident on Niihau, this one person will continue to act on behalf of the community in the best interest of the land. In regards to population, first one must understand that the Niihau community is deeply rooted in traditional Hawaiian family values and will come and go from Niihau to care for family members. Also, community members whether it be one or five hundred, when faced with the above issues, are focused on the well-being of the land first, and the responsibility of the community to this land.

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Testimony of Kamalu Poepoe

LATE TESTIMONY

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On behalf of my 'ohana, community members and those who feel that the protection of the natural resources for Niihau should be protected for the Hawaiians who live there, We **SUPPORT** House Bill 1921.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Kamalu Poepoe
Molokai Pule Oo

Testimony of Rocky Kaluhiwa

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Rocky Kaluhiwa, Kakuhihewa

Testimony of Winnie Basques

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Winnie Basques
Nana'I Kaula (Lanai)

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Piilani Kaawaloa
Moku O Keawe

Testimony of Thomas Hashimoto

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Manokalanipo

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Respectfully yours,

Leslie Kuloloio, Kanaloa