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**Testimony of**  
**WILLIAM J. AILA, Jr.**  
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**Before the House Committee on**  
**WATER & LAND**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2014**  
**8:00 AM**  
**State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of**  
**HOUSE BILL 2586**  
**RELATING TO STATE NAMING COMMISSION**

House Bill 2586 proposes to amend Section 6E-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by adding a new section to part IV creating a new state naming commission to advise the Governor on naming or renaming state buildings, facilities, and parks. This new commission is to be staffed and supported by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department). **The Department appreciates the intent of this measure and offers the following comments.**

As currently proposed, the Department would be required to provide administrative and clerical support, and possibly incur travel-related expenses, to this commission from existing resources. The Department is concerned that this would result in reducing the funds available to and detract personnel from carry out existing critical functions.



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TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
On February 12, 2014

**HB 2586**

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Chair Evans, and members of the committee, I am Barbara Saromines-Ganne, Chairperson of the SFCA Commission, and am pleased to support HB 2586.

The State Foundation on Culture and the Arts has previously participated on naming commissions for state buildings. We consider our participation in such matters an honor and a privilege to ensure that the great heritage and tradition of Hawaii's host culture are perpetuated.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you on this matter.