

SB 2125

**LATE
TESTIMONY**

This legislation is pivotal for the residents of Niihau. If protection is not given, the more than 1000 years old Niihau seashore culture will be lost and the very existence of the last living remnant of the lost Kingdom will be gravely threatened. Some opponents have charged that the owners of Niihau are seeking this legislation for our own profit, not so. We are giving up any commercial fishing venture, which we used to do and gave up as a request by the kupuna and other residents of Niihau. As the Konohiki, we gave that up.

We are not here for economic gain. I want to make that very clear. I also wanted to clear up a couple of misrepresentations which were probably done without knowing the facts. Since our family took over, there has never been a time that Niihau did not have people on it. There have always been residents on the island. There is no time in my knowledge that there was never anybody on the island. And that all the stories from the kupuna there's always been a small remnant which stayed even through the worst droughts and that has been verified as you see all the old remnants, archaeology remnants over there that seems to be indicated as being true. It has never been totally vacant.

The second thing is, that there is an impression and it is taken by a lack of knowledge in this situation that the fish stocks is not dwindling. This is taken from the fish catch records, and the fish catch records are showing that the fish catch is either equal, or in some species a little bit higher than it used to be in the commercial fishing area. This is not a true measure of what has happened. In the old days a few boats went to Niihau, the old time fishing boats. There now up to four times the number of vessels going to Niihau. These are high speed boats, they can go in most weather. A day trip is fine for them. It takes them an hour and a half to get there. They are using GPS, electric fish finders, they're using scuba tanks, they're using compressed air and nets on the surrounding reefs to take the fish, so the mere fact that there are more of them using more scientific methods of fishing is the reason the fish catch is still what it used to be. But the depletion is happening, the true measure is you measure what is the take on the shoreline of Niihau by the residents. Their fishing methods have not changed in 200 years. They are still using throw net, as Enoka said in his testimony, they have throw net, they have surround net, they have pole fishing, and they have torch light or grabbing by hand at night. These methods have not changed, but the catch has dropped by over 50%. That shows you the dire condition. That is the true measure. The other measure is taken from increased deficiency in fishing. The resource will run out as has been indicated on the other islands, they have run out. That's why they're coming to Niihau. They have to.


Another thing that needs to be looked at is the monk seal. The monk seal is an endangered species. Its numbers are going down in the leeward islands, its numbers are going up on Niihau. This is not lost on the federal government ---. If we do not take action to preserve that niche in the ecosystem which preserves that endangered species there will be action from the federal government and it might not be what we want. Its better to keep it at the state level, the DLNR level. I firmly

believe in localized control. Otherwise we may, if we do not take care of our own, we are known as the endangered species extinction capitol of the world. It would be very nice to change that.

My last point, there is no other culture, seashore culture that existed in Hawaii that is the same as the Niihau culture. It did not depend on a relationship with west Kauai, the exact opposite in fact happened. There was a lot of conflict. The only place in Kauai that was friendly to Niihau was the Koolau, Na Pali coast which is why so many of the people in Hanalei and Haena are related to Niihau people because they, when they moved out because of the bad storm in the late 1890's, when they moved out in to Hanalei, those people who were related to Niihau moved out into Hanalei and that's why the relationship now.

Mahalo a nui loa.

Bruce Robinson
Konohiki/Haku Aina
Kiekie, Niihau

TESTIMONY FROM: Eomailani Kukahiko 
ON: S.B. 2125 Relating to Marine Life Conservation District
BEFORE THE: Committee on Water and Land, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
HEARING DATE: Monday, February 3, 2014
TIME: 1:15
LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 229
POSITION: SUPPORT

Aloha my name is Eomailani Kukahiko and I am a teacher educator for both English language and Hawaiian Language Immersion teachers at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

In 2009, I had the great honor of travelling to Ni'ihau to work with five teachers seeking teacher licensure. Although the Ni'ihau community is often looked at as the last group of Native language speakers, I believe that this "isolated" community provides an example for all people that wish to call Hawai'i their home. In a time where people are encouraged to "Go Green" I learned from these teachers what conservation looked like in practice. With limited resources on island, nothing is wasted. Water, electricity, and food, are all utilized sparingly but with great aloha.

It was disheartening for me to learn at that time in 2009, that in order to solve a rodent problem on a neighboring island, poison was dropped on the island to kill the pests. Problematic in this effort is that while the pests may have been exterminated, the poison also killed the fish as the poison leached into the ocean. The subsistence Ni'ihau community was adversely impacted and unable to eat the poisoned fish.

I was again disturbed to watch recent footage of non-resident predatory fishermen landing on Ni'ihau island to fish. Not only is this disrespectful to the Ni'ihau residents, but also makes me question the way that these outsiders have been trained to conserve their own natural resources if they have to encroach on the Ni'ihau fishing grounds.

I support the proposed measure to ban taking or possessing aquatic life or feeding fish within two miles of Ni'ihau island.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this testimony to oppose the measure SB2125 that will be brought to the Hawaii State Senate.

My testimony is simple. This is a law that will have disastrous repercussions. To set a legal precedence to prohibit Hawaii residents from fishing around Niihau will have numerous unexpected consequences. Where will this stop? Will the owner of Lanai then invoke this new law? Will large beach front landowners then claim they fall under this new law? To say this law creates a "slippery slope" is to put it mildly.

The reality of this matter is that the people of Niihau are neither starving (I know many people from Niihau personally) and I have not seen nor heard of any scientific evidence to corroborate the claims that the local fish populations are declining. Has a long term scientific survey been taken? What are the results? This being the entire basis of this measure, one would logically conclude this legislation to be not only baseless but legally detrimental to the citizens of Hawaii.

I have not even touched on the issue that people from the west side of Kauai have been fishing and traveling across the Kaulakahi channel for generations. How this law would affect local fishing and diving practices of the peoples of Kauai is only the tip of the iceberg. This type of legislation that has been put forth by politicians that have no local knowledge of the area and no direct experience are running roughshod over the rights of local peoples of Kauai.

As someone who has lived on the west side of Kauai, and was taught how to fish along the Na Pali Coast and Niihau; I am shocked at this piece of legislation has even been brought to the Senate. The idea that politicians are considering closing fishing of such a large area to locals is one of the most outrageous and egregious acts of legislation to be implemented since the so called "Great Mehele." In short; you would disenfranchise the people of Hawaii from the ocean. This relationship is one of the most ancient connections for the peoples of Hawaii. Are Hawaii politicians now deciding who owns the ocean? Is this the current state of affairs in Hawaii?

I was informed of a runway Bruce Robinson will allow the military to build on Niihau to begin testing drones. It is a disturbing coincidence that the same two mile buffer zone the drones need for testing, just so happen to be the same two miles this "marine life conservation district" would encompass. I don't believe in coincidences. If in fact this is true, that this type of backdoor dealings are taking place, then we as voting citizens should and will act swiftly to ensure that politicians who put forth this type of insidious and surreptitious legislation will and should be removed from their current position in office.

The jobs of our elected officials are to represent their constituents. Who is being represented here? Politicians work for the people and not against the people. I ask you to think about that as these measures are to be deliberated on the Senate floor. I will leave you with a quote of one of our founding fathers:

"Since the general civilization of mankind, I believe there are more instances of the abridgment of freedom, of the people, by gradual and silent encroachments, by those in power, than by violent and sudden usurpations."

-James Madison

Regards,

Jonathan Carbone

In support of SB 2125

My name is Marti Wukelic, and I have resided in the Hawaiian Islands for nearly 30 years.

I understand that conservation must often be weighed against innovation and that we must look at all sides of an issue before acting.

However, I also understand that certain changes that we make to the environment cannot be undone.

For this reason above all else, I strongly support Senate Bill 2125, which will help protect the waters and fisheries around the island of Ni'ihau.

Secondarily, the cultural implications would be enough to support it in themselves.

Please do the right thing.

Mahalo,

Marti Wukelic

Resident of the island of Maui

Aloha kakou,

It has always been understood by locals that a person doesn't go to Niihau unless he or she is invited. It is a privately owned island that houses people practicing the ways of our ancestors. They do not have the "comforts" of modern living and rely on the 'aina and their own hands in order to survive. If we allow commercial fishermen to illegally harvest fish from their waters, what food sources do they have left? This is trespassing into a place where they are not invited and then stealing from the owners of the area. Why are they being allowed to break the basic laws of trespassing and theft? It seems like a simple answer. Just like when a person breaks into someone's house and steals their television, these fishermen need to be punished. Using the excuse of supply and demand is not just or moral. That would be like saying that I'm starting a business of selling car tires. My business is booming now, but I don't have the supply to keep up with demand. Should I be allowed to go and take tires off random cars I find in peoples' driveways? No! It's the same thing as what they're doing.

I strongly urge you all to consider not only the ecological impact overfishing has on the world, but the impact of allowing theft on this level to go while the law turns a blind eye. This could lead to many other groups making reasons along the same lines and depleting all the resources. What could happen next? It may start with fishing in Niihau, then to fishing in National Ocean Reserves that are put aside for certain fish species and for the whales. Then another group may make the supply and demand claim and start harvesting lumber from national forests. It could continue down a very slippery slope. I beg you all not to be the ones who allow that to happen.

I promise you that I will report to my friends and family the results of the vote on this bill, whether positive or negative. The outcome will weigh upon the value of trust placed upon you all as our voices in the law. I want to thank you all for your time and I hope you see the future effects of what allowing overfishing in the waters of Niihau could lead to.

Mahalo,

Ryan Kele

He leka keia e kakoo ana i ka pila SB2125 e hoomalu a e mālama ana hoi i na kumu waiwai o Niihau no ko laila poe. E papa ia hoi ka lawe ia ana o ka lakou mau kumu waiwai e ka poe e, ka poe kupa ole hoi. Kakoo piha au me ka manaolana e kakoo ia hoi e ke aupuni nana e kiai a koi aku.

This is a letter supporting SB2125 which protects and saves the resources of Niihau for the people of that island. It also restricts the taking of said resources by non-residents. I support this bill fully and hope there will be resources to enforce and monitor activities.

Me ka 'oia'i'o,

Susan Kapulani Antonio

Maui

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I oppose SB 2125. Rules establish by DLNR should be uniform when it come to restricting citizen of Hawaii from practicing their rights to fish within the water of the State of Hawaii.

Restriction that will allow only Niihauans to fish, dive and lay gill nets around the perimeter of the island is a restriction on our right as citizens of Hawaii. This will also open up commercial shoreline fishing tour to Niihau by the owner. HB 1921 Section 188- Critical Subsistence Fisheries. (2) (b) The prohibitions in the subsection (a) shall not apply to individuals currently domiciled on an island described in subsection (a) or to individuals who are accompanied by an individual who is currently domiciled on the island.

Individuals (tourist) who are accompanied by an individual who is currently domiciled (fishing guide) on the island.

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Tony Costa – Hawaii Nearshore Fishermen

THE SENATE
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MEASURES DEFERRED TO WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 2014

DATE: Wednesday, February 05, 2014
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415 South Beretania Street

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Testimony

Hawaii Nearshore Fishermen are commercial nearshore fishermen and provide communities and markets the fresh nearshore caught seafood.

Hawaii Nearshore Fishermen are opposed to measures that prohibit their ability to continue to provide islanders with this wild caught and most important renewable and sustainable resource.

SB2125 completely prohibits any fishing around island of Niihau to two miles yet surprisingly and in our opinion, unconstitutionally: (a) shall not apply to individuals currently domiciled on an island described in subsection (a), or to individuals who are accompanied by an individual who is currently domiciled on the island.

Niihau nearshore waters has provided hundreds of thousands of pounds of Akule – year after year, without a dent in biomass stocks. This resource has fed Niihauans, Kauai communities, and Oahu markets for over 70 years.

Furthermore, there is no data that shows a causal relationship with commercial fishing or any fishing by outsiders in Niihau nearshore waters and lack of fish. In the contrary, by all our accounts fish stocks remain brilliantly healthy.

Deference to one community for the sake of another has no place in Hawaii Fisheries management. Fisheries management schemes should tread very carefully when considering a public resource.

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It is clear that commercial and recreational fishermen actively fish in the area proposed to be set aside for community based subsistence fishing area which may exclude them. This has brought forth the constitutional issue of equal and open access to the resources in the area to all residents of the State.

We are opposed to SB2125 and respectfully ask this measure be held.

Sincerely,

Tony Costa

From: [Ralph Albino](#)
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Subject: SB2125 Niihau 2mile
Date: Friday, February 07, 2014 5:40:07 PM

Please leave Niihau alone and keep people from over fishing the ocean! I'm from molokai and see this happen a lot people come from other island and over fish our waters! I hope I'm sending this testimony to the right people!
Aloha

Sent from my iPhone

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Submitted on: 2/5/2014

Testimony for WTL/HWN on Feb 5, 2014 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keoki Faria	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing to you today in strong support of SB2125. I have carefully read, and have listened to the testimonies of those in favor and against this bill, and would humbly ask of you to take the following points into consideration. First, in regards to tradition and the families domiciled on Niihau, have a long established record and tradition of subsistence fishing in waters surrounding Niihau, Lehua, and Kaula. Their practice of fishing, and gathering within the area of residence is consistent with rights guaranteed to them under Hawaiian Kingdom law, and is also consistent with their rights under the Native Hawaiian access and gathering rights protected under the State of Hawaii, whose laws are rooted in the rights secured during the time of the kingdom. The claims of Kauai residents accessing Niihau's fisheries under the guise of Native Hawaiian gathering rights and access, I believe not to be consistent with these above mentioned rights. During the kingdom your rights to gathering and fisheries were secured within your residence, and the right to access different fisheries were the purview of the chiefs, and negotiated amongst them. In respect to the chiefs of old, by the abolishment of the aikapu, the creation of a constitutional monarchy, and private land ownership, it was not the common people who were elevated to the rights of chiefs but, the decision of the chiefs to relinquish some of their powers and rights and 'come down' to the common people. The Kauai residents, and others, are able to access Niihau, not because of a traditional right, but as a result of economic means (i.e. boats, gas, etc.), and have simply misunderstood, or misconstrued the tradition purposefully. The need for a three mile restriction from shore is also important as it keeps commercial activities (i.e. commercial fishing, cruises, etc.) at a safe distance. This constant presence in the fisheries creates a disturbance in the ecosystem, as in the case of monk seals on Niihau who were intentionally injured by outsiders. This community has a tradition, and a legacy of proper resource management without the help or support from any agency of the government, and because of the severity of the contentious nature of these encounters and the use of state law to justify the actions of 'outsiders' it is imperative that those in positions of power within the state act. My second point, explores the possible result of no action being taken to preserve Niihau's fisheries. The families will be forced to move, simply because there wouldn't be enough food for them to survive, and they will leave with knowledge that they were unable to protect their land, their family, and their way of life. Upon arrival in their new places of

residence they will face the prejudices of the new community they enter for those who do not speak English 'properly'. They will feel forced to assimilate to survive, which will result in a loss of language, culture, and history. What is critical to point out is that they will face great hardships upon leaving their home, and secondly that this is not just a Niihau problem, but a world heritage problem, as Niihau is the LAST remaining native Hawaiian speaking community on Earth. If we do not protect their fisheries, we in essence are contributing to the end of the Hawaiian language on earth, FOREVER. I have heard many people call their language Olelo Niihau, or the Niihau dialect. This is not a mere dialect but the sole living form of Hawaiian language to survive without interruption. Without whom the language will be reduced to the abilities of second language learners to carry forth the language. The loss of this community will be a detriment to our identity as Hawaiians, and our identity as a state. We simply cannot allow this. In conclusion I would like to sincerely thank those who have given their unwavering support of this bill, and to remind us of the name of the place in which we live, Hawaii. And that to stand in support of this bill is also to stand in support of the Hawaiian community residing on Niihau, the land, and the culture and traditions which are at the very core of the name we are known by, Hawaii. Mahalo a nui loa.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
makani	Oahu Aha Moku Council	Oppose	No

Comments: There is no evidence to suggest the the fish stocks are depleted or near depletion. There is evidence however to show a flourishing stock or sustainable stock of fish. There are many unknowns in regards to population of Niihau, do they operate boats, do the people of Niihau comply with state regulations. Will the people of Niihau be regulated by State Law? What type of fishing do they do...near shore (up to 10 feet) or diving (10 feet and beyond). They may be fishing for two different types of fish where one type of fishing will not affect the other. What about the people of Kauai?

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teresa L. Nakama	BIG ISLAND FISHERIES ALLIANCE	Oppose	No

Comments: Act 288, All marine ocean concerns shall go through the Aha Moku communities statewide and this bill we oppose, because it has not gone through the Aha Moku process and meetings with the grassroots communities of our Aha Moku.

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Keoki Faria	Individual	Support	Yes

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Kahea	Individual	Support	Yes

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacqueline Tanaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Protect Niihau and it's natural resources!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Kanealii	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support HB2125 to protect the natural resources that the people of Niihau depend on for subsistence. Passing this bill will help protect the Niihau peoples way of life from those who practice unscrupulous harvesting. Mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
michele matsuo	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I strongly support SB 2125. Our neighbors on Niihau are a precious community. They are subsistence living. Auwe that requests for Aloha for them have fallen on deaf ears. I have heard from people who are familiar with the situation, that the Niihau fisheries have become depleted despite efforts to kokua their preservation. I have been to Niihau, there are no supermarkets. The people of Niihau depend on the seafood that they can harvest from the ocean in order to eat. Please pass SB 2125. Mahalo! Michele Matsuo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Greg Holzman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to Niihau closure since Administration rules will give time for Kauai to address what has always been shared fishing grounds We are always having to protect shoreline access in Hawaii and giving a private land owner and his guest exclusive access to the waters two miles out is wrong. The Niihau people rarely use boats and are not using the waters outside of where they can throw pole or net fish without boats. So why two miles? People need to realize it is part of Kauai's ecosystem so this is the wrong way to deal with problems in Fisheries. There is also No Data to support this claim of depletion without knowing if the people and excess monk seal pressure has caused much of these claims if true

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Akemi N Bischoff	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support the bill to protect the marine resources around the island in a two-mile radius.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonathan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a Native Hawaiian, practitioner, and instructor, I would like to submit testimony in support of SB2125 to protect the resources of Ni'ihau for it's Native people. The few 'ohana who live there depend on the ocean resources for food and sustainment. To have outsiders gather, and gather without restriction will take from their sustainment and food source. Outsiders can seek fishing game elsewhere. Stay clear of Ni'ihau and allow their people to gather and practice the kapu and lawena associated with lawai'a and na mea lawai'a.

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lehua	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kainoa Lum	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha, I am a local who was born and raised on the island of Kauai. I enjoy going to Niihau since I was a little kid to go fishing with my father who has been fishing there for over 20 years. Now that I am much older, I still enjoy going there to fish and spearfish around the island. By closing the whole island from shore to how ever far out would be devastating for those who enjoy to fish and dive there. And also for the commercial fisherman who have been making a living by going there to fish. Perhaps they could do some scientific research to specify if there is any over fishing or any over harvesting of opihi. If at all they should make a boundary closure around the village where the niihauans reside and close that area from the shoreline to a mile out. Everyone knows that Niihau has an abundance of life nearshore and out from the shore. And the east side if Niihau has No access for the locals that live there to access for fishing or opihi picking unless they repel from the cliff or paddle from where it is accessible. Plus that side of the island has the roughest conditions year around to harvest from the shore or the ocean. I hope you guys get to read each and everyone's testimony that relates to this situation. Aloha Kainoa Lum

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Branden Mimms	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in total support of this bill SB2125.

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Lori Kahikina Silao	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. Hawaiian resources are critically valuable and limited. Every effort must be made to maintain the sustainability and the safety of our smaller islands, especially ones in which native Hawaiians preserve and protect the Hawaiian culture.

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Bryan Brey	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support prohibiting commercial fishing around Niihau. I think the locals should have plenty of fish for their own survival and hopefully thrive.

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Ashley Lindsey	Individual	Support	No

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Chris Mentzel	Individual	Support	No

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Kainoa Wilson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In respect to the people of Ni'i'hau, I support a ban on the encroachment of persons who do not live on the island taking the resources that they depend on. Just because they were "allowed" to rape and pillage the other Hawaiian islands does not mean they can do it to all the islands. Leave the people of Ni'i'hau alone, leave their shores and waters to them who rely on it to survive and take a lesson from them who know how to live simply and in harmony with the aina and Ke Akua.

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