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Written Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, March 12, 2014
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of

SB 2330, SD1
RELATING TO THE KANEOHE BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL.

Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee.

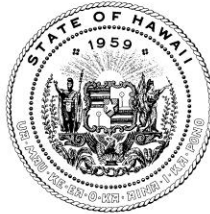
SB 2330,SD1 makes revisions to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) requests that the bill be amended to remove the DBEDT Director from the Council. DBEDT is unable to send a representative to Council meetings, thus adding to the difficulty of achieving a quorum.

DBEDT notes that the Director of the Office of Planning (OP), which is attached for administrative purposes to DBEDT, is a member of the Council. The Office of Planning is the State lead for the Coastal Zone Management Program, the Ocean Resources Management Plan and the Hawaii State Plan. All three of these programs call for balancing the environment, economic, social and cultural goals of Hawaii's communities. OP brings that valuable perspective to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council and will represent the department well.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2330, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE KANEOHE BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Senate Bill 2330, Senate Draft 1 proposes to: 1) Remove the Superintendent of Education from the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council (Council), 2) Add the Aquatic Resources Administrator of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) as the Council Chair, 3) Allow the Chair to be a government member, 4) Require quarterly hearing on the master plan status, and 5) Require the Council to review and report on the relevancy and changing needs of the Council. The Department appreciates the intent of the measure and offers the following comments:

Section 200D-3(6), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), provides that the Council advise and make recommendations to the State and Section 200-D-3(9), HRS, provides that the Council serve as the public advocate for Kaneohe Bay. These two provisions, along with the requirement that the chair be a non-governmental member, suggest that the original intent of the Council was to represent the community and not be an instrument of the State. The Department suggests that the Council Chair continue to be a non-governmental member of the community to fulfill its role as the public advocate.

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KO'OLAUPOKO HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

March 9, 2014

TO: Rep. Cindy Evans, Chair
And Members
Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Alice P. Hewett, President
Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club

SUBJECT: S.B. 2330, SD1 – Relating to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council – Support

Aloha, Chair Evans and Members of this Committee:

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club strongly supports Senate Bill 2330, Senate Draft 1, and urges your approval of this measure.

As one of the state's largest Hawaiian Civic Clubs, we draw our membership from the nine ahupua'a around Kane'ohe Bay. Many of our members are lifelong fishermen who constantly monitor the activities and health of these coastal waters.

We were pleased to learn that the Board of Land and Natural Resources has adopted the Kane'ohe Bay Master Plan, which was the result of lengthy discussions and hard fought compromises among the various stakeholders and users of the bay. This plan was completed years ago, and we are grateful that BLNR has accepted it and has approved rules to implement the plan.

The initial purpose of the regional council was to create this plan, which they succeeded in doing. They were also supposed to meet periodically to monitor the progress of implementing this plan but, unfortunately, the council's work and meetings were suspended a few years ago.

We are pleased that the original S.B. 2330 has been amended by the Senate to require four quarterly meetings of the Kane'ohe Bay Regional Council, and that the purpose of the Council has been expanded to enable the group to work with DLNR to resolve concerns or conflicts among the users of the bay.

Through joint stewardship between the State of Hawai'i and the Kane'ohe bay communities, we will have the shared kuleana to take care of this important natural resource.

We urge your committee to approve this bill, as amended. Mahalo for the opportunity offer our mana'o.

The Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club was established in 1937 and is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the history, heritage and culture of Native Hawaiians. Its membership is open to people of Hawaiian ancestry and those who are "Hawaiian at heart".



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