

SB2372

- Measure Title:** RELATING TO THE KEIKI, `OPIO, AND KUPUNA TRUST FUND.
- Report Title:** Keiki, `Opio, and Kupuna Trust Fund; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Food-bearing Trees; Native Trees; Keiki Caucus; Kupuna Caucus
- Description:** Establishes a program for individuals to purchase native or food-bearing trees to be planted on government-owned lands. Establishes the keiki, `opio, and kupuna trust fund to collect funds received by the program and to support the program. After ten years, requires the annual interest earned on the trust corpus to be used for programs supporting children, youth, and the elderly.
- Companion:** [HB1795](#)
- Package:** Local Food Caucus, Keiki Caucus, Kupuna Caucus
- Current Referral:** WTL/TSM/HMS, WAM
- Introducer(s):** CHUN OAKLAND, ESPERO, IHARA, SHIMABUKURO, Nishihara, Tokuda

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Before the Senate Committees on
WATER AND LAND
and
TOURISM
and
HUMAN SERVICES

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Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2372
RELATING TO THE KEIKI, 'OPIO, AND KUPUNA TRUST FUND

Senate Bill 2372 proposes to establish a program for individuals to purchase native or food-bearing trees to be planted on government-owned lands, and establishes the keiki, 'opio, and kupuna trust fund to collect funds received by the program and to support the program. After ten years, the annual interest earned on the trust corpus is to be used for programs supporting children, youth, and the elderly. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates the intent of the bill, and offers the following amendments to avoid duplication with the existing state forest stewardship special fund and forest reserves management program.**

The Department strongly supports initiatives to encourage private and public entities to invest in sustainable forest management. The Department notes a great deal of duplication in this proposal with the existing Forest Stewardship Special Fund (Section 195F-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS)) and the management of the State Forest Reserves System as authorized under Chapter 183, HRS. The duties and activities authorized under this Chapter are compatible with the goals to conserve and reforest Hawaii's native trees on public forest lands. The Department has the ability to accept funding to support forest management including federal and state funds as well as contributions from other parties. The Department's Division of Forestry and Wildlife currently receives revenues from our seedlings and forest product sales. These revenues currently go toward protecting our watersheds, native forests, and enhancing recreational areas for current and future generations. We do not see the need to establish a separate trust account and advisory board to accomplish the tasks set forth in the bill, as they are already part of the mission of the Department.

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Additionally, the Department provides several opportunities for the public to participate in native tree planting and forest restoration. The Department actively encourages people and private landowners to invest in conservation and native species restoration through available landowner assistance programs, community engagement, and interactions with the State's forest and natural area reserves and state parks. We provide residents and visitors opportunities to volunteer and contribute to native forest restoration and out-planting activities throughout the year. The Department also encourages and provides opportunities from communities to be involved in forestry management through cooperative partnerships on government lands.

The Department would be pleased to work with the Senate and the House to incorporate this initiative into the forest stewardship program and state forest reserve management programs. The Department is exploring the feasibility of partnering with private businesses to generate funding through visitor and resident contributions to generate revenues for existing funds that support the protection of Hawaii's forests. Forestry is a long-term investment that provides the public with a multitude of benefits, including cleaner air, increased water production, and habitat for native wildlife.

TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
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ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2372

January 29, 2014

RELATING TO THE KEIKI, 'OPIO, AND KUPUNA TRUST FUND

Senate Bill No. 2372 establishes a Keiki, 'Opio, and Kupuna Trust Fund (Trust Fund) as a separate fund of a nonprofit agency to be administered by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) as a means to encourage people to make financial investments while supporting conservation, reforestation of Hawaii's native trees, environmental stewardship, sustainable food and energy production and programs that support and benefit keiki and kupuna. The Trust Fund will collect moneys from individuals to purchase native or food-bearing trees to be planted on government-owned lands. After ten years, the measure requires the annual interest earned on the trust to be used for programs supporting children, youths, and the elderly.

The Department of Budget and Finance defers to the DLNR on the viability and appropriateness of an eco-tourism program. As a matter of general policy, the department does not support creation of trust funds which do not meet the requirements of Section 37-62, HRS. In regards to Senate Bill No. 2372, it is not evident if the proposed Trust Fund would be self-sufficient.

I encourage the Legislature to scrutinize the fiscal and operational plan for this program to ensure that it does conform to the requirements of Section 37-62, HRS.

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SB2372, RELATING TO THE KEIKI, 'OPIO, AND KUPUNA TRUST FUND

**Testimony of Wes Lum
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to Department of Health**

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1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports the intent of this measure,
2 provided that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities within our Biennium Budget
3 Request.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure creates the Keiki, 'Opio, and Kupuna Trust Fund (Trust Fund)
5 to administer and support an eco-tourism program. Ten years after the establishment of the Trust
6 Fund, the interest earned on the trust corpus can be used to fund educational programs for children
7 and youth, and caregiving services for Hawaii's older adults.

8 **Purpose and Justification:** EOA supports the concept of the Trust Fund as a creative way of
9 financing programs and services to strengthen caregiver supports. Additionally, the intent of this
10 measure is aligned with EOA's strategic priority directions, which is to develop long-term
11 supports and services financing options that will stave off impoverishment due to costly health and
12 nursing home care. Furthermore, our strategic plan directs us to develop new mechanisms for
13 family caregiver support and respite. This measure accomplishes these goals. Thank you for the
14 opportunity to testify.

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The Children's Alliance of Hawaii
Waikiki Health Center
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January 23, 2014

To: Senator Malama Solomon, Chair
And members of the Committee on Water and Land

Senator Gilbert Kahele, Chair
And members of the Committee on Tourism

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
And members of the Committee on Human Services

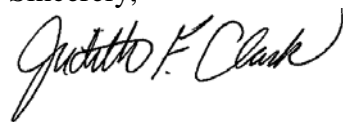
Testimony in Support of HB 2037 Relating to the Keiki, `Opio and Kupuna Trust

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports HB 2372 Relating to the Keiki, `Opio and Kupuna Trust.

This remarkable and innovative bill has many potential benefits to the environment and to vulnerable children, youth and seniors. It has the potential to become an ongoing revenue source for the State of Hawaii. It can become a sustainable funding source for programs that allow our children to grow up safe, healthy, and ready to succeed as well as meeting the care needs of our growing elderly population. And it honors the recommendations of Hawaii's youth who, at the annual Children and Youth Summit, have consistently advocated for environmental preservation (including planting of native trees).

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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