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Measure Title: RELATING TO THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

Report Title: Board of Land and Natural Resources Membership; Native Hawaiian Traditional and Customary Practices

Description: Amends the composition of the Board of Land and Natural Resources by requiring that at least one member shall have a background in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices.

Companion: [HB2324](#)

Package: Governor

Current Referral: WTL/HWN

Introducer(s): KIM (Introduced by request of another party)

<u>Sort by Date</u>		Status Text
1/23/2014	S	Introduced.
1/23/2014	S	Passed First Reading.
1/23/2014	S	Referred to WTL/HWN.
2/10/2014	S	The committee(s) on WTL/HWN has scheduled a public hearing on 02-14-14 1:20PM in conference room 225.

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

**Before the Senate Committees on
WATER AND LAND
and
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, February 14, 2014
1:20 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2874
RELATING TO THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Senate Bill 2874 proposes to amend the composition of the Board of Land and Natural Resources by requiring that at least one member shall have a background in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this Administrative bill.**

Currently, nearly all of the boards and commissions under the Department require a member with a background in native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices. Last session, legislation was enacted requiring such expertise for the Natural Area Reserves System Commission. The remaining Department boards and commissions that need such expertise are the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Endangered Species Recovery Committee.

As the Department is obligated under the Hawaii Constitution and Hawaii statutory and case law to preserve and protect the exercise of traditional and customary native Hawaiian rights, it would provide great value to have a member on the Board of Land and Natural Resources to have expertise in this area to provide guidance on natural resource protection and management decisions.

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shane Nelsen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chairs and Committee Members, I urge this legislation to support this measure. The importance to mitigate and include the voice of the Native Hawaiians in the decision process is important. As we look at Conservation, Resource Management, and consumption of resources, we can include perspectives that can offer insight to developing conscious communities throughout this beautiful State. Mahalo for allowing me to testify. Shane Nelsen South Kona Resident

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Chris Ramos	Individual	Support	No

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