

# SB3024

**Measure Title:** RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX.

**Report Title:** Transient Accommodations Tax; Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement; DLNR

**Description:** Increases the amount of excess revenues allocated for certain purposes subject to the mutual agreement of the board of land and natural resources and the board of directors of the Hawaii tourism authority in accordance with the Hawaii tourism authority strategic plan to \$10,000,000. Allocates \$5,000,000 of the \$10,000,000 to the division of conservation and resource enforcement.

**Package:** None

**Current Referral:** TSM/WTL, WAM

**Introducer(s):** SOLOMON, KAHELE

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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of  
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Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committees on  
TOURISM  
and  
WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2014  
2:45 PM  
State Capitol, Room 229**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 3024  
RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMODATIONS TAX**

Senate Bill 3024 proposes to increase the amount of excess revenues allocated for certain purposes subject to the mutual agreement of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) in accordance with the HTA strategic plan to \$10,000,000, and would allocate \$5,000,000 of the \$10,000,000 to the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports the intent of this measure but respectfully requests that this measure be amended to correct flaws in Act 161, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2013.**

The Department's Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) would welcome these additional funds that will be used to further DOCARE's mission of protecting Hawaii's natural, historical, cultural and recreational resources. Over the past few years, DOCARE's general fund operating budget has been strained, making it difficult to provide for increasing operating costs and equipment purchases. This funding would be used to provide for a more viable and responsive conservation and resources enforcement program in the State of Hawaii.

Last session, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 1194, Conference Draft 1, which was signed into by the Governor as Act 161, SLH. Prior to this bill being enacted into law, \$1,000,000 from Transient Accommodation Tax (TAT) revenues budgeted for the Hawaii HTA was deposited into the Department's State Parks Special Fund and the Special Land and Development Fund for the state-wide trail and access program. Act 161 in part leaves that \$1,000,000 in the HTA budget and instead allocates \$3,000,000 subject to the mutual agreement of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) and the Board of Directors of the HTA in accordance with the

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HTA Strategic Plan for the same purposes outlined in this measure. Act 161 specifies an amount “of the excess revenue deposited into the general fund”, but does not provide authority to expend the funds.

As such, the Department recommends incorporating the language found in Senate Bill 2430 (which in effect, addresses that issue by depositing the funds into the Special Land and Development Fund, to then be disbursed for appropriate Department purposes as approved by the BLNR and the Board of Directors of HTA per the process outlined in Act 161), while retaining the proposed \$10,000,000/\$5,000,000 figures in Senate Bill 3024.

In addition, the Department requests two further amendments.

Amendment 1

In order to ensure the investment of the funds allocated in Act 161 for the current fiscal year, the Department requests that the measure become effective upon approval.

Amendment 2

In order to clarify that the funds can be used to provide enforcement of departmental rules, the Department requests the following be added to the measure:

Section 199-1.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended, as follows:

1. By amending subsection (b) to read:

“(b) The following shall be deposited into the conservation and resources enforcement special fund:

- (1) Grants, awards, donations, gifts, transfers, or moneys derived from public or private sources for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of title 12; chapters 6D, 6E, and 6K; or any rule adopted thereunder;
- (2) Fees, reimbursements, administrative charges, and penalties collected for activities related to the enforcement of natural, cultural and historic resources protection laws and rules, except as otherwise provided by law that provides for deposits into other special funds administered by the department;
- (3) Moneys derived from interest, dividends, or other income from the above-mentioned sources;
- (4) Appropriations by the legislature to the special fund; and
- (5) Transient accommodations tax revenue pursuant to section 171-19 (a) (2).”

The Department urges your strong support of this measure with amendments.



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Hawai'i Tourism Authority  
on  
**S.B. No. 3024**  
**Relating to the Transient Accommodations Tax**  
Senate Committee on Tourism  
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The Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) opposes S.B. No. 3024, which increases the allocation of transient accommodations tax revenues allocated the Department of Land and Natural Resources from \$3 million to \$10 million, and allocates \$5 million to the division of conservation and resource enforcement.

The HTA has proposed S.B. 2430, an administrative error in Act 161, SLH 2013, which provided that \$3 million of the excess TAT revenues deposited into the general fund be allocated for programs to support the protection, preservation, and enhancement of natural resources important to the visitor industry, including planning, construction, and repair of facilities, and operation and maintenance costs for public lands connected with enhancing the visitor experience.

In addition to correcting that error, S.B. 2430 provides that the \$3 million be allocated to the Special Land and Development Fund, and authorizes the use of the monies in the Fund for the "planning, development, management, operations or maintenance of all lands and improvements under the control and management" of the Board of Land and Natural Resources pursuant to Title 12, HRS, which includes conservation resources and enforcement programs.

For these reasons we oppose S.B. 3024.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

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**SUBJECT:** TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS, Disposition for division of conservation and resource enforcement

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 3024

**INTRODUCED BY:** Solomon and Kahele

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** Amends HRS section 237D-6.5(b)(4) to increase the amount of revenue allocated to the mutual agreement of the board of land and natural resources and the board of directors of the Hawaii tourism authority in accordance with the Hawaii tourism authority strategic plan from \$3 million to \$10 million and provides that \$5 million shall be allocated to the division of conservation and resource enforcement.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2014

**STAFF COMMENTS:** Currently, TAT revenues are allocated as follows: (1) \$33 million is deposited into the convention center enterprise special fund; (2) \$82 million is deposited into the tourism special fund; (3) \$93 million is transferred to the various counties; and (4) any remaining revenues deposited into the general fund of which \$3 million allocated to the mutual agreement of the board of land and natural resources and the board of directors of the Hawaii tourism authority in accordance with the Hawaii tourism authority strategic plan. This measure would increase the amount from \$3 million to \$10 million and provide that \$5 million shall be allocated to the division of conservation and resource enforcement.

The proposed measure would add another siphon of TAT revenues, and would perpetuate the earmarking of TAT revenues for activities other than tourism. While proponents of earmarking of the TAT argue that if these projects or programs are not funded, none of the pristine beauty that visitors come to see will be preserved, one could make the argument on the other side. If there are insufficient funds to promote the industry, then visitor counts will drop and so will the income that fuels the state's economy. But visitors also contribute to state coffers directly through the taxes on everything they purchase in Hawaii including hotel rooms, visitor activities and purchases of food and souvenirs. To that extent, a good part of the general fund tax collections is contributed by visitors. If the argument is that visitors should pay for other "visitor related" programs, then paying for those programs out of general funds would be more appropriate than stealing the money from what is identified as a tax paid specifically by the visitor.

Rather than the continual earmarking of TAT revenues, a direct appropriation of general funds would be preferable. Earmarking the TAT revenues for these programs that not only benefit the visitors but the community at large is an abdication on the part of the legislature to set priorities among general fund resources and is an indication that the legislature truly does not believe this is an important enough issue to set aside state appropriations to address.

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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i  
Supporting S.B. 3024 Relating to the Transient Accommodations Tax  
Senate Committee on Tourism  
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*The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which life in these islands depends. We actively manage more than 35,000 acres in 11 nature preserves on Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i, and work with public and private partners and communities on land and marine management projects.*

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The Nature Conservancy supports S.B. 3024 to provide a portion of the transient accommodations tax for management of natural resources, facilities and public lands that are important to visitors, as well as for natural resources law enforcement.

Hawai'i's globally unique environment is amongst the top reasons visitors from all over the world come to these islands. There is also widespread agreement that Hawaii's fragile environment is in need of improved management and protection, as well as better compliance and enforcement of State natural resource laws. In addition, climate change is an imminent and unprecedented threat to natural systems (forests, coastlines, coral reefs) and to every resident and visitor that—whether they know it or not—depends on services from a healthy and functioning natural environment.

Presently, the DLNR receives about 1% of the State's general fund budget to oversee and care for millions of acres of natural lands and waters. Obviously, not all of the cost of protecting these resources should be laid at the feet of the visitor industry; it's everyone's responsibility because we all benefit and are at risk. And, while litter and graffiti clean ups and park restroom repairs are important, long term, larger investments are needed in:

- **Forest** management to ensure that they are as healthy as possible to capture as much rain (drinking water) and hold as much soil as possible as climate change brings more severe individual storm events, but overall less rainfall and more long term drought events;
- **Coral reef** and near shore management to ensure that they are as healthy as possible to withstand the warming and acidification effects of climate change and still provide storm protection, seafood, and a continuing visitor attraction;
- **Invasive pest** prevention and control so that at the same time we are inviting the world to our shores, we are not also granting easy access to the world's pests and diseases; and
- **Compliance** and enforcement for those who choose not to respect these natural resources.

We all have a stake--including the visitor industry--in the general health and function of Hawaii's finite natural environment and resources as a:

- **Raw material** that supports the lifestyle and livelihood of every resident, visitor and business;
- **Service** that if not healthy and functioning will not deliver basic elements like fresh water needed for any person or business to thrive in the middle of the Pacific ocean; and
- **Product** that we market to the outside world for a variety of reasons to get them to come here or invest here.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer our support for this measure.

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# MAUI TOMORROW

Protecting Maui's Future

Feb. 11, 2014

Hawaii State Legislature/Senate Committees on Tourism/Water & Land

Re: SB 3024 Relating To the Transient Accommodations Tax

Aloha Chairs Solomon and Kahele,

Maui Tomorrow Foundation supports SB 3024, in particular the section allocating excess revenues from the Transient Accommodation Tax in the amount of 10 million dollars to go toward the protection, preservation, and enhancement of natural resources provided that, as stated in Section (4) "of the \$10,000,00, \$5,000,000 shall be allocated to the division of conservation and resource enforcement."

Maui Tomorrow's mission, for over twenty years, has been the protection of natural and cultural resources. We firmly believe that the environment is our economy and we have long supported the consistently under-funded DOCARE division of the Department of Land & Natural Resources. This allocation will do much to make DOCARE operationally sound, allowing the division to fill vacant positions, purchase equipment, increase operational efficiency and build capacity to cover the vast areas they are tasked with protecting. If passed it will allow DOCARE to be more responsive to Hawaii's communities in the protection of natural, cultural and historic resources which not only enriches the visitor experience but adds to the quality of life for all of Hawaii's residents.

Mahalo,

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## Public Testimony



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February 11, 2014

Aloha Honorable Dignitaries,

I am writing testimony in support of Bill SB 3024. I believe this bill will help fund preservation and conservation efforts for each island county. Our islands are limited in space and resources. Every effort should be made on all accounts to protect these resources and preserve the quality of life here in the Hawaiian Islands.

The funding will also help to expand and increase the enforcement, maintenance, and ecology of each ecosystem that dwell in our beautiful home. Not only preserving for future generations, but by providing opportunities to educate and employ the generations of its natural environment and habitat.

I am of Native Hawaiian ancestry. Earth is our Mother. Let us love and take care of her, as she loves and provides for us!

Sincerely yours,

Desmond Yap



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
George Robertson	Puako Community Assn.	Support	No

Comments: DOCARE is critical to the protection of our precious reef at Puako. They have been terribly underfunded and therefore undermanned for a number of years. Please pass this bill! Mahalo.

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Tommy Noyes	Kauai Planning & Action Alliance	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Please support SB3024 as it will enable enforcement of park regulations which are currently being ignored by outlaw elements residing on the Napali Coast in the State Park. Kauai relies on tourism to sustain our economy, and the Napali is a prime destination for young active visitors who are now being assaulted and distressed by people living illicitly in the State Park. These visitors will not be inclined to return to Kauai if their Napali experience is distasteful. These funds are needed to establish basic Park management on Kauai's Napali Coast. Mahalo for your consideration.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Inga Gibson	The Humane Society of the United States- Hawaii Office	Support	Yes

Comments: Dear Chairs Kahele and Solomon and Committee Members, We urge your support of SB3024 to provide critical funding for our Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement. State wildlife agencies are notoriously underfunded yet carry many responsibilities to protect and preserve our fragile marine and terrestrial environment and scarce resources. DOCARE has been understaffed for many years. Additional funding would also ensure they have adequate resources to enforce existing laws-- a benefit to our wildlife, Hawaii residents and generations to come. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB3024. Inga Gibson Hawaii State Director The Humane Society of the United States

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**TESTIMONY TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE,2014**

**SB 3024**

Dear Chairs Kahele, Solomon and Vice Chairs Keith-Agaran, Galuteria.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony.

I strongly, SUPPORT, the passage of SB3024, relating to Transient Accommodations Tax.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Law Enforcement Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcements(DOCARE) current Statewide annual operating budget of \$500,000.00(five hundred thousand dollars), salaries not included, has put Conservation Law Enforcement at a near shutdown.

In a previous Honolulu Police Department(HPD) study, HPD estimated that it would take an additional three hundred(300) officers if HPD took over conservation, resource protection for the island of Oahu only. The other day, 02-10-14, DLNR's, Oahu Branch DOCARE had an approx. staffing level of twenty four(24) field officers and four(4) field supervisors.

Given the amount of \$5,000,000.00( five million dollars) to be allocated to DOCARE under the bill. The amount is fair and very reasonable.

Respectfully Submitted,

ALEX MCBARNET

## Alison Cohan, Individual, Support

SB3024 allocates excess revenues garnered from the Transient Accommodation Tax in the amount of 10 million dollars to go toward the DLNR. SB 3024 further specifies that of the 10 million, 5 million dollars will be set aside specifically for the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE). The proposed sum of money set aside to support DOCARE operations is unprecedented. Given the approximately \$500,000 that was used to run the entire Division since 2009, down from \$1.8 million in 2008, this represents a huge opportunity to make DOCARE operationally sound after many years of struggling. If successful, this budget increase would allow DOCARE to fill vacant positions, purchase equipment, increase operational efficiency and build capacity to become more responsive to our communities in the protection of Hawaii's natural, cultural and historic resources.

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Wailuku CMMA supports SB3024 especially for the section below:

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TAX.

**Report Title:** Transient Accommodations Tax; Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement; DLNR

**Description:** Increases the amount of excess revenues allocated for certain purposes subject to the mutual agreement of the board of land and natural resources and the board of directors of the Hawaii tourism authority in accordance with the Hawaii tourism authority strategic plan to \$10,000,000. Allocates \$5,000,000 of the \$10,000,000 to the division of conservation and resource enforcement.

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James Ridzon	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support SB 3024 as it will allow DOCARE to perform their duties more efficiently by allowing them to repair, purchase, and obtain much need equipment and assets which they are lacking.

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James Weller	DLNR/DOCARE	Support	No

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Jason Redulla	Individual	Support	No

Comments: While I am a DLNR employee, the opinion expressed here is my own as a private citizen. Please support this measure as it will assist the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement. Thank you.

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Jenny Lynn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB3024.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jesse Yonover	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, My name is Jesse Yonover. I am a fisherman, surfer, diver, and paddler born and raised in Maunaloa. Currently I am a graduate student at The University of Hawaii and part of the Maunaloa Bay Makai Watch. I completely support this bill and allocating the DLNR extra funds which are extremely needed. Right now our natural resources, not only what 8 million people from around the world come to visit every year but more importantly the land and ocean that 1 million people call home, are at threat. Myself alone I witness every week illegal activity in Maunaloa Bay that ranges from illegal commercial activity, illegal recreational activity, catching illegal sized, out of season, or illegal quantities of fish occasionally even using illegal methods of fishing, all the way to the illegal dumping of sewage and chlorinated pool water into Maunaloa Bay. These are just some of the examples of violations occurring in my backyard that are damaging these delicate resources. The DLNR and DOCARE specifically have trouble responding and enforcing these violations when they occur because they are so understaffed due to insufficient funding and the overwhelming amount of land and ocean they are responsible to care for with the not nearly big enough staff to do so. I support this bill because it will be a step in the right direction to ensure that the DLNR can have the support they need to effectively manage the resources that they are responsible for so that they can be preserved and protected for all of us and our future generations. Lets not wait until its too late, our natural resources need to be protected and they need to be protected now. This is a critical step forward in showing that this is important to the people of Hawaii that we are going to do whatever it takes to Malama our natural resources. Thank you for listening to my testimony.

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Julie Merrick	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We support SB3024. We feel enforcement is a critical component of conservation and resource management. Currently, DOCARE has inadequate funding for enforcement activities. Please vote yes on this important legislation and provide reliable, consistent funding for DOCARE so that our reefs, fish and land are protected and preserved for future generations. Thank you. Julie & Michael Merrick  
Ka'anapali Makai Watch Volunteers Kahekili Herbivore Fisheries Management Area

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Kief Apo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support SB 3024!

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February 10, 2014

Senator Gilbert Kahele, Chair  
Committee on Tourism

Senator Malama Solomon, Chair  
Committee on Water and Land

Dear Senators Kahele and Solomon:

**RE: SB 3024 – RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX**

I am writing to you today in support of SB 3024, specifically as it relates to the section allocating \$5,000,000 for the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DLNR-DOCARE). I am thrilled beyond words that the popular phrase, "The Environment is the Economy" is finally being substantiated with a proposed level of funding that speaks to the real and actual costs of protecting our natural resources from mauka to makai. This unprecedented move to properly fund DOCARE is woefully overdue, but it truly gives me hope that the tide is turning and that our elected officials are recognizing that a robust tourism industry is inextricably tied to a healthy environment.

My career in the conservation field in Hawai'i spans over 20 years in multiple counties. I have been involved in efforts to conserve our declining resources at the County, State, Federal, and non-profit levels. Throughout the years, I have remained an avid supporter of DOCARE and its mission to protect our natural resources through education and if necessary, citation. In my experience, DOCARE has always been a willing and active partner in efforts to engage local communities in conservation initiatives. Should it be properly funded by the passage of this bill, I can only imagine how much more their officers can and will do to ensure that our resources are protected.

In 2013, they partnered with Conservation International and Castle Foundation to create a pilot project, Community Fisheries Enforcement Unit (CFEU), which I have been fortunate to be a part of as its Makai Watch Coordinator. The CFEU has afforded DOCARE the opportunity to dedicate three of their officers to a 13-mile stretch of Maui's coastline and focus on fishing-related activities. In a very short period of time, they have witnessed an increase in fisher compliance and a decrease in citations after an initial spike. In addition, the CFEU has allowed them to develop stronger, more positive relationships with area residents and fishers. I believe that the proposed increased funding could support additional CFEU's in other areas of Maui and throughout the State. This is a model that is showing great promise for the future with healthier fisheries and communities that are invested in the care of their natural resources.

I stand in awe of your courage and vision to introduce this bill and urge you to remain focused on its passage throughout this process. Providing \$10,000,000 to the DLNR, with 50% of that amount dedicated to DOCARE will generate a tsunami of positive changes for our environment that will benefit the tourism industry and generations to come, and, in ways that we cannot even conceive of at this time. This bill represents hope for our future.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.

Me ka ha'aha'a,



Kūhea Asiu

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Lance Kimura	Individual	Support	No

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Lawrence Terlep Jr.	Individual	Support	No

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Aloha!

I'm writing in support of any bill that will increase funding for the DOCARE in DLNR.

More must be done to help protect and restore our precious natural resources!

One of my main concerns is Puako Reef. It's like no other in Hawaii or the world. It provides so much for so many lifeforms.

In human economic terms, it's a vast goldmine. In ecological terms, it's of utmost and immeasurable importance in more ways than humanly imaginable.

As amazingly diverse and pristine as Puako reef may seem to most people today, during my younger years, I've seen it absolutely brimming with life in comparison to now. It's time to stop taking and to start giving back. SB 3024 can help to accomplish positive changes.

Sadly, our oceans have been in dire need of protection from human activities and pollution! Protecting the health of our reefs is key to restoring and conserving diversity of species, not only of sea but also of land and air.

DOCARE is critical to the restoration of the health of our precious reefs including Puako Reef which is critical to the rich diversity of life all around us.

DOCARE is a great concept but it's been pitifully underfunded and understaffed to really be effective.

DOCARE enforcement personnel and equipment are desperately needed to protect, conserve and restore reefs including Puako Reef which are resources of immeasurable importance as well as other marine resources which in turn, will help nurture, nourish and restore other species.

Everyone and everything is connected in this web of life. Human-life has taken a tremendously negative toll on it. Something must be done to reverse the negative impacts to the ecological systems in our environment with positive action.

Please do the right thing and put SB 3024 into effect!

Malama Pono,

Leona "Noni" Ells Roberts  
Hawaii State Bodysurfing Association FBI Chair



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Lino M. KAMAKAU	government agency	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am testifying on behalf of West Hawaii DOCARE (Big Island) and I am greatly in support of SB 3024. We are urgently in need of financial support. Since the downfall of the economy, DOCARE had a major cut back in our budget. This lead to low manpower, equipment that is out dated or unable to repair, training that is long overdue, vehicles that are constantly breaking and because of this, we are unable to provide adequate protection on all of the Natural, Cultural and Historical sites. I'm asking to please pass this bill so that we can provide the ultimate services in making sure that we can sustain all the valuable resources for the future. Thank-you

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Mahalo,

Martha Martin

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Pattie Freeman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: DOCARE is critical to the health of our precious Puako Reef. We need more DOCARE enforcement personnel and equipment. DOCARE has been underfunded and undermanned for too long. Puako shoreline and reef are very valuable to the Big Island in terms of keeping a bit of Old Hawaii!

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Randy DeCambra	Individual	Support	No

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Ricardo Zanre	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii's economy, food security and the well being of the local communities that all depend on the healthy state of Hawaii's natural resources and the services that well functioning ecosystems provide, requires that DLNR is able to devote more resources to their effective management. It is a well known fact that DLNR is under-resourced to do its job effectively, with law enforcement seen as a key area for improvement. With so few officers DOCARE is unable to uphold the law and meet community needs. In addition, the future sustainability of Hawaii's tourism industry is reliant on actions now to sustain the natural resources this industry is dependent on.

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Robin Newbold	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii's visitor industry, all who are employed in the industry, and guests attracted to Hawaii by our unique coral reef ecosystem are aware of the importance of protecting it. DOCARE needs adequate funding to do that effectively and enforce State laws. I urge you to support this bill to provide \$5,000,000 funding to DOCARE from the Transient Accommodation Tax. This will help residents, visitors and all of Hawaii for generations to come. Thank you, Robin Newbold, Chair, Maui Nui Marine Resource Council

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Sarah McLane	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a long time coming, but very much appreciated!!

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Aloha e Senators Kahele a me Solomon:

**RE: SB 3024- RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX**

I am writing in support of SB 3024, especially in regards to the \$5,000,000 that is proposed to be allocated to the Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement (DOCARE). This bill strengthens my belief that our government can do the right thing in protecting our island's extremely unique and vital resources. Our small island home is known around the world for its stunning natural beauty, and it makes me proud to see that we are taking the proper measures to mālama it and those who work hard in protecting it from mauka to makai.

Being from the beautiful ahupua'a of Kāne'ohe, I have far too often witnessed negative impacts, degradations and violations to our environment both in my hometown and state wide. I realize the importance of DOCARE in educating the community about these issues and issuing citations if need be to prevent further harm to our environment. I stand in full support of this bill and know that this funding will be a tremendous boost to DOCARE's mission in protecting our islands resources. As an environmental educator, I realize the importance in teaching our keiki about our 'āina, what they can do to help protect it, and who is protecting it now. This bill is an example to our keiki that we can do the right thing and that we care about their future.

Mahalo for supporting Hawai'i's 'āina and the warriors who are on the front lines protecting it. I have complete faith that you will see this bill through its passing and show the world that we truly care for our natural resources. I know our future generations will be proud. E ho'omau kākou i ka 'imi 'ana no ka pono.

Me ka ha'a ha'a,

Serena Kaldi

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shannon Paapanen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. Please help us keep Hawaii safe and beautiful and natural. A place where we want to live. A place where people want to visit. Mahalo.

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Shauna Springer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The tourism industry relies heavily on the natural and cultural beauty of Hawai'i, which are one in the same to Native Hawaiians. With that said the tourism industry should be putting some of their revenue back into supporting the protection of these natural and cultural resources. Which is why I highly support this bill as it would allow DLNR-DOCARE to increase their budget to fill vacant positions, purchase equipment, increase operational efficiency and build capacity to become more responsive to our communities in the protection of Hawaii' s natural, cultural and historic resources.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Van Dacanay	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Families return, tourist come to Hawaii for 1 or 2 things, our natural resources and our people. If we don't take care of our natural resources as well as protect them, who will, we the makaainana need everyone's kokua.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Vincent Dacanay	Individual	Support	No

Comments: If we, as a state, are serious about sustaining our natural resources for future generations, then we need to ensure we have the financial means to enact measures necessary for implementing and enforcing our conservation laws. Otherwise, our resources, particularly our marine resources, will be in jeopardy of being exhausted by uncontained overuse.

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