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WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2014
9:10 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 3035, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO CONSERVATION**

Senate Bill 3035, Senate Draft 1 proposes to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for planning for, and construction of, the realignment of Kamehameha Highway mauka of Laniakea Beach on the north shore of Oahu. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget request.**

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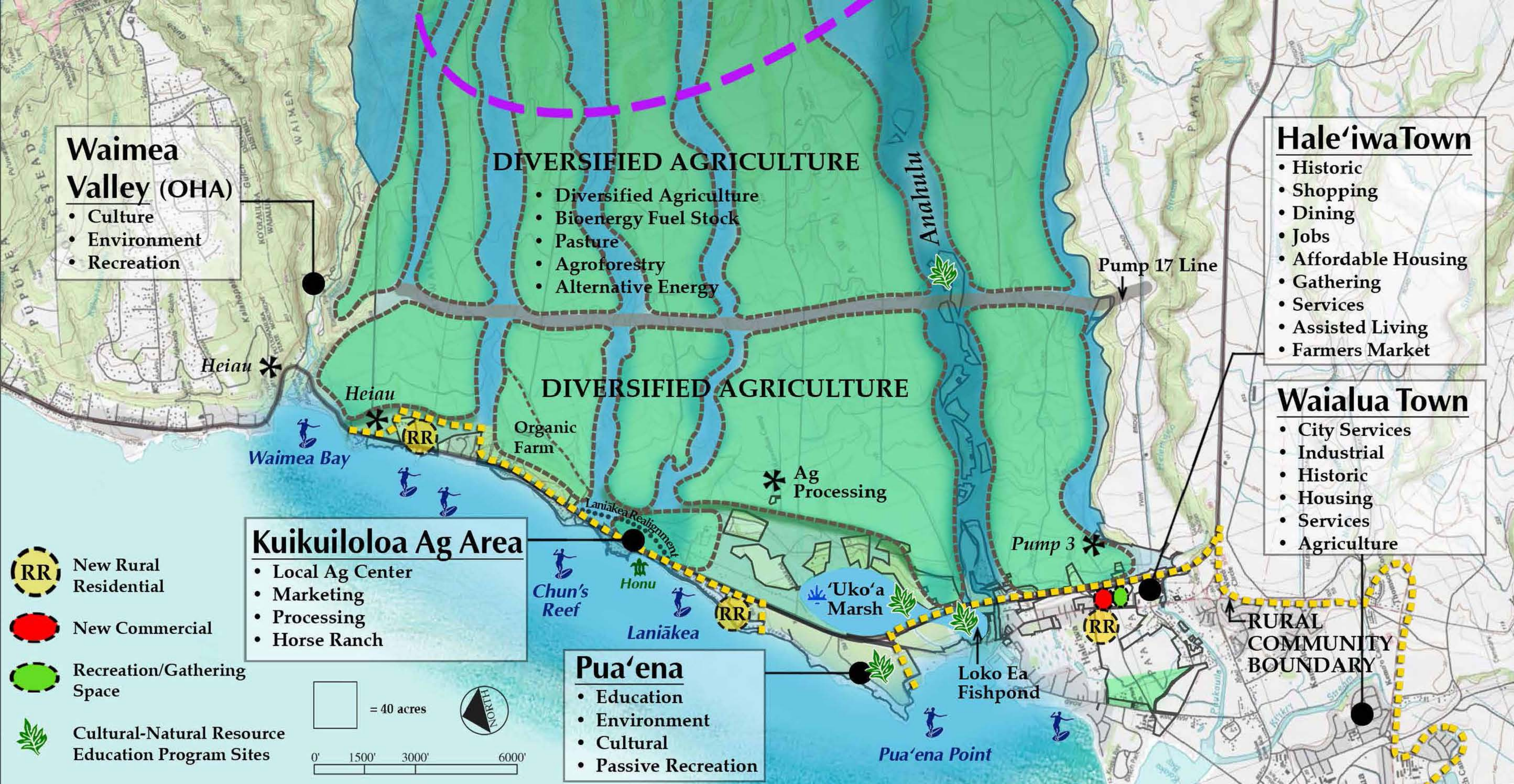
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
R. Kalani Fronda	Kamehameha Schools	Support	No

Comments: Aloha my name is Kalani Fronda, Sr. Land Asset Manager w Kamehameha Schools and here to testify for the Kamehameha Schools in support of SB3035-SD1 limited to Section #2 paragraph 1 with specific consideration that the acquisition verbiage in Section #2 is limited to 5 acres of KS lands located on a portion of TMK 161005014 within the boundaries of TMK 161005024 (City & County of Honolulu), Kamehameha Highway (State of Hawaii), and TMK 161005025 (City & County of Honolulu). In addition, Kamehameha Schools' expresses that we are concerned about potential impact upon our tenant Kawailoa Ranch Company LLC and the cultural sites identified within this subject area. We support this bill because it provides a solution to identify the traffic and safety issues (realigning the highway to locate parking ma kai of Kamehameha Highway and to reduce the amount of pedestrian crossing that occurs there). It also offers a vehicle for the governmental agencies involved in this transaction to properly manage their appropriate type of assets: City overseeing city parks, State DOT overseeing state highways, and State DLNR overseeing wayside parks. Thank you very much for the opportunity to offer support for SB3035-SD1.

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KS is willing to work together with the State, the City, and the community to be a part of the solution.

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Utilize City parcels (161005024 & 161005025) as the bookend of the project area.

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KS is concerned about potential impact upon long-term lessee and existing cultural assets.



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Angela Huntemer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing to indicate my strong support for SB3035. We need an intelligent, safe solution to the traffic chaos at Lani's. SB3035 would provide that. Mahalo for your time and consideration. Angela Huntemer, M.Ed, Resident of Kahuku.

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Dear Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee.

I am writing to you about SB3035, the proposal to fund and direct DOT to realign Kamehameha Hwy near Laniakea on the North Shore. I strongly support this bill and request that you pass it so that the Senate can consider it.

My reasons for supporting this bill are (a) that this area desperately needs traffic mitigation because the traffic congestion there is a serious problem both for local residents and for other residents of the island, and visitors, who wish to visit and enjoy much of the North Shore and (b) that the DOT "short term" solution (barricading off parking) is not only an aesthetic travesty of a beautiful beach area, but is highly likely to be found inadequate when Summer time leisure activities and tourist traffic returns in full force.

The original draft of this bill included planning for Chun's Reef and proposed that DLNR be the project lead, so that whatever is done manages the entire area, including creating park facilities for visitors. If let solely to DOT, the result is likely to be a narrow "transport only" solution, which would be greatly less than what could be done in this area. I would support the lead role in this activity being restored to DLNR.

Mahalo for your consideration.

- Beaumont A Sheil
Resident of Haleiwa

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Carol Philips	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the Committee, I strongly support SB3035 because in the long run it will save the State money at the same time improve our public resources which benefits both locals and visitors. Please pass this bill. Respectfully, Carol Philips Haleiwa, Hawaii 96712

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Denise Antolini	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and members of the committee, I write in STRONG SUPPORT of SB3035, which requires the State Department of Transportation (DOT) to realign Kamehameha Highway mauka at Laniakea beach on the North Shore. I recommend two key amendments to return to the original intent of the bill: (1) broaden the scope to include Chun's Reef as part of the realignment project, (2) expressly include the State Department of Land & Natural Resources (DLNR) as a co-lead agency partner with DOT and require the establishment of a State Wayside Park at Laniakea and Chun's. DLNR's participation is vital - this is not just a highway project. This measure is a wise investment of state resources in ensuring the long-term protection of an at-risk portion of the two-lane Kamehameha Highway that is vital to the entire island. Climate resiliency and resource protection can go hand in hand with managing traffic and people, as well as the green sea turtle habitat. As the Feb 18 2014 Star-Advertiser Editorial stated (referring to SB3035 and SB3036): "These bills should pass, sending a clear message that further delay is simply intolerable. Government may drag its heels on a highway project, but erosion won't wait forever. The end result we don't want is for the sea to claim Kamehameha Highway." Mahalo for your consideration and passing this bill! Sincerely, Denise Antolini Pupukeya resident

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I am writing in support of SB3035

SB3035 regarding Laniakea would help move forward an important regional ocean resource and traffic management plan by reducing the conflict between multiple agencies and levels of government. Shoreline management, saving the eroding state highway, beach access, parking and facilities, and highway realignment can be comprehensively addressed thorough this process. DLNR should be the lead agency in the planning and execution of this project.

Thank you.

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Gil Riviere
Waialua, HI

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Kathleen M Pahinui	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB 3035 to realign the road at Laniakea and Chuns. This is imperative to the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life of the residents of our community.

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Name/Title: Rafael Bergstrom, Surfrider Oahu Chapter Administrator; Junior Researcher, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management, UH Manoa

Committee: WAM

Date/Time: Tuesday February 25th 2014, 9:15 AM

Measure Number: SB 3035

Aloha Committee Members,

I would like to voice my strong support for SB 3035. The north shore of Oahu is in need of a transportation overhaul as the addition of people, coupled with an increase in sea level and storm surge is going to take a major toll on this region in the near future. Laniakea is already suffering from tourist traffic do to the inadequate road system in the area and the recent barricades by Department of Transportation are a poorly planned band-aid approach to the issue. While not only reducing beach access for the public, the issue of parking has just been pushed farther down the road and crossing by pedestrians is now in even more precarious spots.

The bypass road and wayside park is a much more complete solution to the issues that we are facing on the north shore. By creating a sustainably built park on the Makai side of the new highway we can efficiently reduce illegal crossing which halts traffic. For issues of sustainability and productive planning, I highly encourage that DLNR is put back into this bill as part of the managers of the plan. In addition the moving of the highway mauka will be a preemptive strike against a future in which the highway will eventually be claimed by the sea. Many stakeholders and landowners have already been engaged on the subject and progress can be made if this bill is passed through the legislature.

Thank you for reading my testimony and please be active in supporting a future in which we don't wait for problems to occur before we take action.

Cheers,

Rafael Bergstrom

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Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and members of the Committee.

I urge you to support SB3035. As a forty-five year resident of the North Shore, I have seen the changes and strongly support the need for the state-wide benefit of the park/realignment project. Pass the Bill!

Mahalo,

Randy Rarick
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Roberts Leinau	Individual	Support	No

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Dear Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and members of the committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for SB3035. Please pass this bill.

It is also very important to include the DLNR in this bill as the use of Laniakea and Chun's Reef beaches is a natural resource for surfers, beachgoers and nature-lovers for our state; the Department of Transportation does not concern itself with the Wayside Park concept and has not been effective in solving the dual problems of traffic congestion and use of important beach natural resources.

My name is Sarah Cole and I am a resident of Sunset Beach.