

# SCR147/SR83

Measure Title:

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A TRUST FUND AS A MEANS TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO MAKE STRONG 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, TO ESTABLISH AN ECO-TOURISM PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS VISITORS AND RESIDENTS OF HAWAII TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD PLANTING NATIVE OR FOOD-BEARING TREES IN DESIGNATED AREAS THROUGHOUT THE STATE, AND TO REPORT ON FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE PRIOR TO THE 2015 REGULAR SESSION.

Report Title: Keiki, 'Opio, and Kupuna Trust Fund; DLNR Study

Package: None

Current Referral: WTL/ENE/TSM

Introducer(s): SOLOMON, CHUN OAKLAND

<a href="#">Sort by Date</a>		Status Text
3/7/2014	S	Offered.
3/13/2014	S	Referred to WTL/ENE/TSM.
3/25/2014	S	The committee(s) on WTL/ENE/TSM has scheduled a public hearing on 04-01-14 2:45PM in conference room 225.

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

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

**Tuesday, April 1, 2014**  
**2:45 PM**  
**State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of**  
**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 147/SENATE RESOLUTION 83**  
**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO**  
**STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A TRUST FUND AS A MEANS TO**  
**ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO MAKE STRONG 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, TO ESTABLISH AN ECO-TOURISM PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS**  
**VISITORS AND RESIDENTS OF HAWAII TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD PLANTING**  
**NATIVE OR FOOD-BEARING TREES IN DESIGNATED AREAS THROUGHOUT**  
**THE STATE, AND TO REPORT ON FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE**  
**LEGISLATURE PRIOR TO THE 2015 REGULAR SESSION**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 147/Senate Resolution 83 requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to study the feasibility of establishing a trust fund as a means to encourage people to make strong 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, to establish an eco-tourism program that allows visitors and residents of Hawaii to contribute toward planting native or food-bearing trees in designated areas throughout the State. **The Department appreciates the intent of these measures but does not believe they are necessary.**

While the Department strongly supports initiatives to encourage private and public entities to invest in sustainable forest management, the Department notes it already has the administrative

ability to accept funds to purchase and plant native or food bearing trees with the existing Forest Stewardship Special Fund (Section 195F-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes). Investment earnings are included as part of the assets of the fund and are carried forward to future fiscal years. However, as forest management and restoration are often costly and not a single investment event, generally there is not sufficient funding available to manage the state's forest reserves, let alone provide revenue for other state programs. A new administrative overlay with the creation of a trust fund will create inefficiencies with the management of any funding collected.

The Department recognizes the opportunity to work with the tourism and hotel industries to encourage visitors to participate in eco-tourism opportunities as well as donate to reforestation efforts. 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. Designated staff and new funding allocated to build and encourage public involvement would facilitate this program.

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Family Support Hawaii  
Hale Kipa, Inc.  
Hale 'Opio Kauai, Inc.  
Hawaii Behavioral Health  
Hawaii Student Television  
Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition  
Hina Mauka Teen Care  
Hui Malama Learning Center  
Kaanalike  
Kahi Mohala Behavioral Health  
KEY (Kualoa-Heeia Ecumenical Youth)  
Project  
Kids Hurt Too  
Kokua Kalihi Valley  
Life Foundation  
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Maui Youth and Family Services  
Palama Settlement  
P.A.R.E.N.T.S., Inc.  
Parents and Children Together (PACT)  
Planned Parenthood of Hawaii  
REAL  
Salvation Army Family Intervention Svcs.  
Salvation Army Family Treatment Svcs.  
Sex Abuse Treatment Center  
Susannah Wesley Community Center  
The Catalyst Group  
The Children's Alliance of Hawaii  
Waikiki Health Center  
Women Helping Women  
YWCA of Kauai

March 31, 2014

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

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair  
And members of the Committee on Energy and Environment

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

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR 147/SR 83 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A TRUST FUND AS A MEANS TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO MAKE STRONG 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, TO ESTABLISH AN ECO-TOURISM PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS VISITORS AND RESIDENTS OF HAWAII TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD PLANTING NATIVE OR FOOD-BEARING TREES IN DESIGNATED AREAS THROUGHOUT THE STATE, AND TO REPORT ON FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE PRIOR TO THE 2015 REGULAR SESSION.**

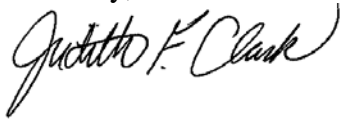
Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports SCR 147/SR 83.

This remarkable and innovative resolution 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith F. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Judith F. Clark, MPH  
Executive Director