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**Testimony of
Leslie Kuloloio, Chair**

**Before the House Committee on
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, March 1, 2016
3:00 P.M.
Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2037 HD 1
RELATING TO THE WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS**

House Bill 2037 HD 1 appropriates moneys to the DLNR to host the International Union for Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress (IUCN) meeting at the Hawaii Convention Center on September 1-10, 2016. **Aha Moku supports this measure.**

The IUCN, an international environmental network, holds a conference every four years to bring attention to the organizational management of the natural and cultural environment as well as the protection of earth's fragile and different ecosystems in different countries. For the first time in history, the IUCN is conveying its Congress in the United States, in Hawaii. Its mandate is to impact, inspire and push for environmental policies that can benefit mankind and protect its fragile ecosystem. It focuses on the integrity of natural and cultural resources of a place and, we believe, its relationship to the indigenous people of that place.

The Aha Moku works to secure, protect and sustain the environment and different ecosystems in the State of Hawaii by bringing forth the voices of communities in sustaining their natural and cultural resources by integrating native Hawaiian traditional and generational resource methodology with contemporary scientific ways. This is a unique, yet indigenous approach to protecting the environment because it brings people together who use empirical and generational knowledge to care for their ecosystems.

Aha Moku is committed to supporting and working with DLNR in showing the rest of the world how the indigenous host culture, integrated with the rainbow of other cultures who are now part of Hawaii, can protect and sustain its exceptional environment in one of the world's most beautiful places.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill and we urge that this committee pass this measure.



Conservation Council
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Hawai'i's voice for wildlife

Kō Hawai'i leo no nā holoholona lōhiu



Testimony Submitted to the House Committee on Finance
Hearing: Tuesday, March 1, 2016 3 pm
Conference Room 308

In support of HB 2037 HD 1 Relating to the World Conservation Congress

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee.

Aloha. Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports HB 2037 HD 1, which appropriates moneys to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to host the International Union for Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress meeting at the Hawaii Convention Center on September 1-10, 2016.

The 2016 congress is the first one to be held in the U.S. It is an opportunity for Hawai'i to showcase its unique cultural and natural resources, and our cutting-edge conservation work addressing formidable threats to our island home. The congress will also bring spending and increase tax revenues for the state. Hosting the congress should not come at the expense of the DLNR and its meager funding.

Please make an appropriation sufficient enough to cover expenses relating to the congress from this point forward, and to replace the \$4 million from the DLNR's budget last year to pay for the congress. Support for the congress should be shared among state agencies and the visitor industry. Funding for DLNR to host the congress should be additive, and should not come at the expense of existing DLNR programs to protect public land and public trust resources.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

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The Trust For Public Land's Testimony In Support of HB 2037 Relating To The World Conservation Congress

House Committee on Finance, Conf. Room 308

Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 3:00 p.m.

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Nishimoto and Committee Members:

The Trust for Public Land supports House Bill 2037 relating to the World Conservation Congress (so long as it does NOT take away from DLNR's regular program spending). This bill appropriates an unspecified amount of money to DLNR to host the World Conservation Congress.

The World Conservation Congress is the "Olympics" of conservation, held every four years. The Congress includes cutting edge research and debate over global conservation policy issues important to Hawai'i, such as sea-level rise, bio-security, and the connection between nature and culture. World conservation leaders from government, non-governmental organizations, and private business attend. Important agreements such as CITES (the treaty banning trade of endangered animal products) emerge from the World Conservation Congress. This is the first time a World Conservation Congress will be held on U.S. soil, an extremely significant event for Hawai'i.

The World Conservation Congress, like APEC, will establish Hawai'i as a place where the world can do business. The benefits to Hawai'i include:

- Estimated \$65M in economic benefits based on 8,000+ delegates, support and workforce participants, and media
- Significant media exposure
- Supports state goals regarding ecotourism, conservation leadership, and positioning Hawai'i as a destination for high-level and global meetings
- Positions Hawai'i on international platform for world conservation issues to showcase Hawai'i's knowledge and experience regarding natural and cultural resource management and sustainability
- Opportunity to gather input from global conservation community to address Hawai'i's challenges
- Conservation education efforts, including leadership development at the East-West Center, conservation leadership certification at the University of Hawai'i, K-14 Youth Leadership Initiatives
- Opportunities for participation in the World Conservation Forum, access to IUCN's scientific credibility, extensive networking and exposure to high-level political, economic, and social decision making regarding conservation

Funding for the World Conservation Congress should NOT take away from regular DLNR funding and programs. The World Conservation



Congress will benefit tourism, the Hawai'i Convention Center's reputation as an international convention center, and statewide education and conservation initiatives.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify. I regret that I cannot make attend the hearing in person due to a prior commitment.

Me ke aloha,


Lea Hong
Hawai'i State Director
Edmund C. Olson Trust Fellow

Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting H.B. 2037 HD1 Relating to the World Conservation Congress
House Committee on Finance
Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 3:00PM, Room 308

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 depends. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. We manage 40,000 acres in 14 preserves and work in 19 coastal communities to help protect the near-shore reefs and waters of the main Hawaiian Islands. We forge partnerships with government, private parties and communities to protect Hawai'i's important watershed forests and coral reefs.

The Nature Conservancy supports H.B. 2037 HD1 to provide funding in the Department of Land and Natural Resources' budget to contribute to the cost of hosting the 2016 World Conservation Congress (WCC); provided that it does not result in the reduction of funding to DLNR's programs that are contributing to the direct care and management of Hawai'i's natural resources.

Hawai'i's combination of globally unique ecological resources coupled with the challenges of addressing climate change, development pressures and invasive species make it an ideal location to host the World Conservation Congress. The WCC hosts approximately 8,000 delegates from around the world to discuss and decide on environmental and development issues and policy to assist societies to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature and to ensure that natural resource use is equitable and sustainable.

The WCC is also estimated to generate \$65M in economic benefits to the state and it supports the tourism goal of positioning Hawai'i as a destination for high-level international meetings.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Tuesday, March 1, 2016 — 3:00 p.m. — Room 308

Ulupono Initiative Strongly Supports HB 2037 HD 1, Relating to the World Conservation Congress

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kyle Datta and I am General Partner of Ulupono Initiative, a Hawai'i-based impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i by working toward solutions that create more locally produced food; increase affordable, clean, renewable energy; and reduce waste. We believe that self-sufficiency is essential to our future prosperity and will help shape a future where economic progress and mission-focused impact can work hand in hand.

Ulupono strongly supports HB 2037 HD 1, which appropriates funds for the IUCN World Conservation Congress meeting.

Ulupono believes that the State of Hawai'i should honor its commitment to host IUCN, especially as this is the first time IUCN has come to the United States. We are hopeful that the seniority of the conference attendees and the quality of the work of the IUCN scientists will have direct benefits across Hawai'i in many different sectors.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Kyle Datta
General Partner

Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i



Testimony of Randall Tanaka in Support of HB 2037 HD1
House Committee on Finance
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The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair and Committee Members, Committee on Finance:

My name is Randall Tanaka, President, World Conservation Congress, National Host Committee/Hawaii 2016, testifying in strong support of HB 2037 HD1, Relating to the World Conservation Congress.

First, I am extremely proud and honored that Hawaii was chosen over many other countries to be the first host of the World Conservation Congress in America.

It is truly an honor, that out of the 8 qualified countries, Hawaii was chosen to showcase and be the leader on issues such as global climate change, biodiversity, native species, water management and of course, environmental leadership in an important cultural setting. Hawaii sets the stage for policies and discussions regarding conservation for generations to come.

We are very thankful of Hawaii's legislative body to assist and take the leadership with the efforts of the World Conservation Congress. The appropriations set aside from this body will help in our efforts of making this World Congress very meaningful and impactful.

The World Conservation Congress will be held September 1 – 10, 2016. Your insight and assistance, will provide a lifetime opportunity for Hawaii and its' people to teach the world how we all malama our islands, and that those practices can provide the seed for other nations to follow.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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From: Rick Egged <rick@waikikiimprovement.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2016 7:19 AM
To: Barbara Marumoto
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Subject: Re: World Conservation Congress HB 2037 HD 1

Aloha Barbara, what I said was that the visitor industry supported using TAT (hotel room tax) funds for the WCC instead of money from DLNR.

Mahalo,
Rick

On Monday, February 29, 2016, Barbara Marumoto <repmarumoto@gmail.com> wrote:

HB 2037 - Conservation Congress - Written testimony for FIN. Rick Egged reported to the DHSMF that the HI Tourism Authority (HTA) would offer to subsidize the Conservation Congress. So \$4M will not come out of DLNR's hide. Yeah! Thank you, Rick.

HB 1839 HD 1- INTERPRETIVE CTR - DLNR testimony was in **strong support** in FIN! Yeah! State Parks would like to build the center at another site and will check with CAC if they are OK with change in Master Plan. Yara stated that the previous site is no longer available so the interpretive center would not happen there. Despite an e mail to Michelle, Yara is speaking for the department.

I strongly suggest CAC members agree to change in Master Plan on Tuesday.

Barb Marumoto

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Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

HB 2037 HD1
RELATING TO THE WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS

March 1, 2016

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Committee Members:

Hawaii's Thousand Friends supports appropriating funds to support the World Conservation Congress as long as the funds are not taken from DLNR's limited budget.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress (IUCN) offers our state an incredible opportunity to not only showcase Hawaii's beauty and natural and cultural resources but to gather input from the global conservation community to help address Hawaii's many and diverse challenges.

HTF welcomes the many opportunities that the IUCN will bring to our islands but is concerned that funding to support this event could be taken from one or several of DLNR's critical programs that protect our islands fragile and finite natural and cultural resources.

Hawaii's Thousand Friends urges the committee to ensure that funds allocated to DLNR to host the IUCN are adequate so that DLNR does not have to dig into their program funding to ensure a successful event.



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Date : March 1, 2016

To : Hon. Sylvia Luke & Members of the Finance Committee

From : Barbara Marumoto - President, DHSMF

Re : HB 2037 HD1 – WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS

Written testimony only

While the Diamond Head State Monument Foundation is pleased that the World Conservation Congress will be meeting in Honolulu, we are distressed that the funding might be excised from the budget of the Department of Land & Natural Resources.

The DLNR supports many important programs that include the State Parks Division. Of the many parks under its jurisdiction, the Diamond Head State Monument is the most famous and well-attended with 800,000 visitors a year. Rather than reducing DLNR funds, the Foundation would ask for greater legislative support for all the state parks that add immeasurably to tourism and to the state economy.

The Foundation asks that the Finance Committee find other methods to underwrite the Conservation Congress. Mahalo.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF
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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
FINANCE**

**Tuesday, March 1, 2016
3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2037, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS**

House Bill 2037, House Draft 1 proposes to appropriate moneys to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to host the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Conservation Congress (Congress) meeting at the Hawaii Convention Center on September 1-10, 2016. **The Department supports this measure provided that this appropriation does not adversely impact appropriations for other priorities in the Executive Budget request or any existing funding to the Department's programs.**

The Executive budget request includes \$4,000,000 in special funds to contribute to the State's obligations as a host site for the Congress.

IUCN, the world's oldest and largest global environmental network, holds a conference every four years and encourages member organizations to improve their management of the natural and cultural environment for ecologic, social and economic well-being. The Conference hosts approximately 8,000 delegates from around the world for a ten-day event to discuss, debate, and decide on environmental and development issues and policy. IUCN's mission is to influence, encourage, and assist societies throughout the world to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature and to ensure that any use of natural and cultural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable.

The IUCN Conference offers a unique opportunity to highlight Hawaii's environmental and natural resources as a showcase for the United States to share with the world. The Conference will enhance natural resource conservation in Hawaii and the United States, the Asia-Pacific Region, and internationally. Hosting the conference will support our economy, environment, and

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quality of life, and will generate economic benefits, such as visitor spending, tax revenues, potential federal and international grant funding, and research opportunities.

IUCN Budget:

State of Hawaii Contribution	\$13,281,362
IUCN Contribution	\$8,258,103
Total World Conservation Congress Budget	\$21,539,465

Contributions identified to date:

	DLNR	\$4,000,000
	Hawaii Convention Center (in-kind)	\$1,500,000
	OHA	\$500,000
	Castle Foundation	\$200,000
	Dept. of State	\$525,000
	Matson	\$200,000
	Hauoli Mau Loa	\$300,000
Total Amount Raised to date (to be applied to State obligation)		\$7,225,000
	Balance of State funds needed	\$5,975,000
Executive Budget Request		\$4,000,000
Funding Gap to be raised from Federal and Private Sources		\$1,975,000



HAWAI'I LODGING & TOURISM
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Testimony of

Mufi Hannemann
President & CEO
Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association

Committee on Finance

House Bill 2037 HD1: Relating to the World Conservation Congress

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and members of the Committee on Finance:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. On behalf of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association, we support the purpose of House Bill 2037 HD1 which would appropriate monies to the state department of land and natural resources to host the IUCN World Conservation Congress in September of this year.

The IUCN World Conservation Congress, often referred as the *Olympics of Conservation*, has provided an incredible opportunity for Hawai'i to stand on a global stage, much like the APEC Conference did in 2011. The problem lies in the fact that the IUCN World Conservation Congress is currently underfunded. This Congress which is held once every four years will attract thousands of leaders from around the globe representing government, civil society, indigenous people, business, and academia to our state. As the host state, and first ever to host it in the United States, we have been given a golden opportunity to demonstrate our capability to accommodate large international gatherings, showcase our many expertise, and to reaffirm our standing as a gathering place in the Pacific.

We are in support of this measure as it proposes the monetary addition to DLNR's budget as opposed to just taking money from it. Another consideration would be to add additional dollars to HTA's marketing fund to support this conference.

Mahalo.



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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this measure to fund the World Conservation Congress in September; but any appropriation should add to DLNR's existing budget, not take away from the regular program's budget.

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