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Allan Rietow	The Kauai Watershed Alliance	Support	No

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Kaua`i Watershed Alliance

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“The Mission of the Kaua`i Watershed Alliance is to PROTECT, PRESERVE and MANAGE our valuable watershed resources for the benefit of our residents, communities and all future generations through the concerted efforts of its members.”

The Testimony of the Kauai Watershed Alliance

Supporting H.B. 440 HD1 Relating to Land and Natural Resources

Senate Committee on Water and Land

Monday, March 16, 2015, 2:45PM, Room 224

The Kauai Watershed Alliance (KWA) supports HB 440 HD1 to provide funding for DLNR’s watershed management, wildfire and emergency response, and forest and outdoor recreation programs.

The KWA recognizes the necessity of natural resource stewardship. It understands that the source of our pure water is a system of healthy forested watersheds which capture rain and cloud moisture and deliver it efficiently to aquifers and surface sources for subsequent consumption in our daily lives and for the benefit of our island economy.

The KWA is committed to watershed protection. Currently, the organization has protected approximately 7,000 acres of priority watershed and is ready to begin another protective fence of 1,000 acres. Feral ungulate work covers about 5,800 acres for zero tolerance. Invasive weeds such as Australian Tree Fern (ATF), strawberry guava and Himalayan Ginger have been treated in Wainiha and Lumahai valleys and within the Alakai Plateau. Over 6,654 ATF have been treated in Wainiha. Overall 9,000 acres of priority watershed are being managed and monitored.

This bill proposes to provide additional funding for the protection of our native forests, which are the source of nearly all the islands’ supply of fresh water and an essential cultural and recreational resource. The watershed protection programs supported with state funds and leveraged several times over with matching funds from county, federal and private sources help to ensure healthy, managed natural resources that are critical for isolated island chains such as Hawaii.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Chipper Wichman, Past Chair

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Carol-Louise Carper	State Fire Council	Support	No

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March 16, 2015

The Honorable Laura Thielen, Chair
Committee on Water and Land
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Thielen:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 440, House Draft (HD) 1 Relating to Land and Natural Resources

I am Manuel P. Neves, Chair of the State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support HB 440, HD 1, which proposes to provide funding for forest conservation and resources for emergency response and preparedness for fire and natural disasters.

The HFD's mission is to protect lives, property, and the environment. Oftentimes, the HFD responds to the first sign of smoke in forest reserves. For example, the HFD dispatched the first fire companies to control the Mililani-Mauka fire, which scorched over 400 acres in and around the Oahu Forest National Wildlife refuge.

The HFD recognizes that the sooner an effective fire fighting force is dispatched and arrives on scene, the less impact the fire will have to the environment and watershed areas. Wildland fires can deforest an area in a short period of time, resulting in increased soil erosion for many years. This lessens the ability of the forest reserves to route water to underground aquifers and negatively impacts the coral reefs and near shore fisheries through siltation.

The SFC and the HFD support funding for new technologies to facilitate response and preparedness for Hawaii's emergency responders and urge your committee's passage of HB 440, HD 1.

Should you have questions, please call SFC Administrator Socrates Bratakos at 723-7105 or sbratakos@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

MANUEL P. NEVES
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Robert Westerman	Kauai Fire Department	Support	No

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March 16, 2015

The Honorable Laura Thielen, Chair
Committee on Water and Land
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Thielen:

Subject: HB 440, HD 1 Relating to Land and Natural Resources

I am Robert F. Westerman, Vice Chair of the State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Kauai Fire Department (KFD). The SFC and the KFD support HB 440, HD 1, which proposes to provide funding for forest conservation and resources for emergency response and preparedness for fire and natural disasters.

The KFD's mission is not only to protect lives and property, but also the environment. Often times the KFD is the first to respond to the signs of smoke in the forest reserves.

The KFD recognizes that the sooner an effective fire fighting force is dispatched and arrives on scene, the less impact the fire will have to the environment and watershed areas. Wildland fires can deforest an area in a short period of time, resulting in increased soil erosion for many years. This lessens the ability of the forest reserves to route water to underground aquifers and negatively impacts the coral reefs and near shore fisheries through siltation.

The SFC and the HFD support funding for new technologies to facilitate response and preparedness for Hawaii's emergency responders and urge your committee's passage of HB 440, HD 1.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 808-241-4980 or email to kfd@kauai.gov should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Westerman
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Daniel Nellis	Dole Food Co. Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: I am Daniel Nellis, General Manager of Dole Food Company Hawaii. Dole is an active member of the Kooalau Mountain Watershed Partnership. Dole Hawaii supports this bill to provide funds to the DLNR watershed, fire equipment and emergency response, and forest recreation programs. The watershed must be protected to be able to provide water for future generations.

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