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**Testimony of
CARTY S. CHANG
Interim Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND**

**Monday, February 9, 2015
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 440
RELATING TO LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

House Bill 440 proposes to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) for watershed management projects; fire, natural disaster and emergency response equipment; and forest and outdoor recreation improvements. **The Department supports this measure provided that this appropriation does not adversely impact appropriations for other priorities in the Executive Biennium Budget request.**

Part II: Watershed Management

Protecting forested watersheds is one of the Department's top priorities, and an ongoing effort. With climate change accelerating a long-term decline in rainfall, forest protection has never been more urgent.

- Native forests absorb mist and fog, increasing water supply up to 50% more than rainfall.
- The availability and affordability of fresh water is so dependent on Hawaii's forests that economists estimate investments in forest protection have a 50:1 benefit to cost ratio.
- The net present value of the Koolau mountain forests for water supplies is \$8.5 billion.
- Currently only 5% of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife's lands are protected to the highest extent. We plan to increase this percentage to 20% over the next 10 years.

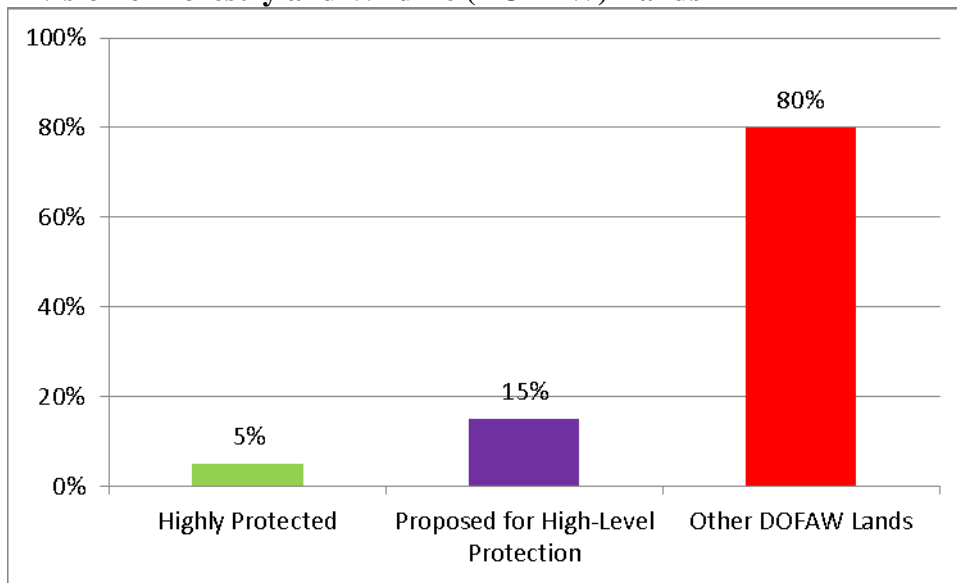
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Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) Lands



Part III: Fire, Natural Disaster, and Emergency Response Equipment

The Department is responsible for preventing and fighting wildfires, and responds to natural disasters from hurricanes to lava flows that threaten life and property.

- Hawaii is on par with the western states for percentage of land area burnt.
- The average annual number of fires that burn over 100 acres has increased five-fold in the past 40 years.
- Forestry crews helped clear fallen albizia trees from roadways after Tropical Storm Iselle.
- Funding will be used for brush trucks, weather stations, and personal protective gear.

Part IV: Forest and Outdoor Recreation Improvements

The Department's trails and access (Na Ala Hele) program connects residents and visitors to Hawaii's natural areas and iconic scenery, yet is severely underfunded.

- Na Ala Hele maintains 124 trails and roads, totaling 855 miles statewide.
- There is a dramatic increase in visitation to recreational sites. For example, nearly 100,000 hikers per year visit Oahu's Manoa Falls Trail and Maunawili Falls Trail.
- This funding is critical for improving the safety of trails and roads statewide, which degrade with overuse.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
bill lucey	kauai invasive species committee	Support	No

Comments: Greetings committee members, I would like to offer support for HB440. Supporting watershed funding is necessary to maintaining quality of life in Hawaii. Forested watersheds, free from invasives such as Miconia, ensure slower release of rain into streams and aquifers. This water will increase in value as the tradewinds decrease and the quantity of rainfall drops. Who imagined 30 years ago that the price of bottled water could exceed the value of gasoline? It is the network of trails and parks that showcase the value and beauty of these watersheds and the firefighters who must be ready to protect them. Thank you Bill Lucey - Manager - Kauai Invasive Species Council

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Tom Lodge	hawaii hunting association	Oppose	Yes

Comments: AN EIS NEEDS TO BE CONDUCTED TO GET PUBLIC INPUT AND SUPPORT.

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Testimony of the Maui Invasive Species Committee
Before the Committee on Water and Land
HB 440 – Relating to Land and Natural Resources
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The Maui Invasive Species Committee (MISC) supports H.B. 440 which would provide funding for watershed management, response to natural disasters, and recreation.

The state's eleven Watershed Partnerships help ensure protection of our life-giving watersheds, working across more than 2 million acres. The State has provided funding to help install new fences but more funding is needed to complete that work and to ensure ongoing maintenance of such fences in some of the most challenging terrain on the islands. This bill will help ensure this crucial work continues.

Other provisions of the bill are also worthy of support including funding for response to natural disasters and needed improvements for access to recreational trails.

Respectfully submitted,

Teya M. Penniman
Manager, Maui Invasive Species Committee

The Society for Hawaii Heritage Animals

Promote through conservation our own unique breeds of wild livestock here in Hawaii.

Opposing H.B.440

Committee on Water & Land
Chair Ryan Yamane, Vice Chair Ty Cullen
Committee Members

Relating to Natural Resources

Report Title: Forest conservation, Access, Emergence Response, Outdoor Recreation, DLNR, Climate Change

Description: Appropriates funds to the department of land and natural resources for watershed management projects; fire, natural disaster, and emergency response equipment; and forest and outdoor recreation improvements.

This Act attempts to lump together many priorities which we find important, but there needs to be better definition and specifications as to exactly how the appropriations listed in this Act will be spent by the department. DLNR should also be required to submit a report to the legislature explaining what and how these funds are spent. If this Act is amended to include specific details as to how the money will be spent, and how exactly the activities listed will be administered, along with a yearly report to the legislature our position regarding this Act may change.

Mahalo,
Tony Sylvester, Executive Director



The Hawaii Sportsmen's Alliance **opposes HB 440.**

The Hawaii Sportsmen's Alliance recognizes the significance of forest conservation, stewardship, and access. However, this significance should never come at the exclusion of other duties within natural resource conservation.

We ask that the legislature examine carefully where funds are going so they are not squandered away while other departments and divisions go unaided for years. Past initiatives, like the "Rain Follows the Forest" has shown projects done in areas that are not identified as priority 1 or 2 watershed areas. We urge that better detail be used when requesting funding to prevent potential misallocation of funds.

The Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement has gone years inadequately funded while watersheds, climate change, and invasive species rule the checkbooks.

The Big Island currently uses about 4% of its sustainable yield of water resources as reported by the Commission on Water Resource Management, while Oahu is over 40%. Yet, larger watershed projects exist on the Big Island. Perhaps prioritizing projects and funds are in line?

We ask that the legislature request the department to prioritize their watershed projects, invasive species projects, climate change projects, etc. and reflect a request for a budget in the same fashion.

We are in challenging financial times and the legislature and respective departments should recognize it and request accordingly.

Mahalo,

Ryan Kohatsu

Board Member

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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting H.B. 440 Relating to Land and Natural Resources
House Committee on Water and Land
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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. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. Today, we actively manage more than 35,000 acres in 11 nature preserves on Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i. We also work closely with government agencies, private parties and communities on cooperative land and marine management projects.

The Nature Conservancy supports H.B. 440 to provide funding support for DLNR's forest management programs, including watershed protection, wildfire and disaster response, and recreational improvements.

Healthy Hawaiian forests that are not overrun by invasive species act like a sponge, collecting rain and moisture from passing clouds, slowly delivering fresh water into streams and aquifers, absorbing greenhouse gases, and reducing runoff and siltation into near shore waters during storm events. Several locations in the state have recently experienced intense and ongoing drought, water management areas are being declared, climate change is likely to produce more severe storms but overall less rainfall, and the UH's 2011 Rainfall Atlas catalogues a century of declining rainfall that is worse in recent decades. Easily available fresh water is not a limitless resource. Protecting and enhancing the health and function of Hawai'i's forests from the threats of invasive species and fire are a few of the most important and effective things we can do mitigate some of these impacts and ensure that this resource serves us for generations to come.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) has well-established, effective watershed, wildfire control and forest recreation programs. These programs involve the department's own direct, on the ground management work as well as working in partnership with other public and private land owners and land managers. The Department's Natural Area Reserve, Forest Reserve, Watershed Partnership, Forest Stewardship, Natural Area Partnership, Wildlife, Fire Management Programs are prime examples of how the DLNR effectively conducts its own work and leverages forest management goals across state, county, federal and private lands. With dependable base funding support from the Legislature, these programs take advantage of many millions of dollars of non-state funds and work by non-state personnel to help/ ensure the resilience, sustainability and continued health of our islands' forests, economy, and quality of life.

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

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Testimony of the O'ahu Invasive Species Committee
Supporting H.B. 440 Relating to Land and Natural Resources
House Committee on Water and Land
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The O'ahu Invasive Species Committee (OISC) supports H.B. 440 to provide funding for DLNR's watershed management, wildfire and emergency response, and forest and outdoor recreation programs.

OISC is a partner organization of the Ko'olau and Wai'anae Watershed Partnerships and we recognize that healthy forests provide the ecosystem services on which Hawai'i citizens depend. Healthy forested watersheds capture rain and cloud moisture and deliver it to aquifers and surface sources for subsequent consumption in our daily lives and for the benefit of our island economy. Healthy forests ensure that rain will be directed into the islands' aquifers instead of running off and polluting reefs. Intact watersheds will control erosion. What happens in the forests affects everything below, from farm fields and residences to tourism infrastructure and the nearshore environment.

The O'ahu Invasive Species Committee works island-wide to remove incipient invasive species from O'ahu before they become so abundant that they begin to damage ecosystems. Our work dovetails with that of the Watershed Partnerships in that we strive to prevent invasive species from moving into the upper watersheds and becoming a task for the Watershed Partnerships. Knowing that Watershed Partnership staff are controlling more established species allows OISC to focus on harmful incipient species that are just beginning to become established. Together, our organizations provide good jobs for Hawai'i citizens while protecting the natural resources that support the state's economy. OISC employs 17 people.

OISC recognizes that the ability respond to natural disasters such as forest fires are also critical to forest health. We also support the funding for recreation in this bill as we believe it is important for Hawai'i's citizens to be able to connect with their forests.

The funds from this bill will be leveraged several times over with matching funds from county, federal and private sources. The additional funding from this bill will protect 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 and invasive species programs supported with this bill will help to ensure healthy, managed natural resources that are critical to preserve the quality of life for Hawai'i's citizens.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
The O'ahu Invasive Species Committee

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Nakagawa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Brian W. Mabry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this measure as long as it does not restrict hunting, fishing, and gathering rights by determining watersheds and forest areas are fenced because the State goes to the Federal Government for assistance with these type initiatives and manipulated by USFWS mandates.

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D'Armand Cook	Individual	Oppose	No

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Gregory Suarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Committee on Water & Land, Please support this important bill. As a hiker, I appreciate the need to improve our degrading trails. And as a water user, we need to protect our watersheds, especially on Oahu. Mahalo, Greg Suarez, Kakaako, Oahu.

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Jesse Owens	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee on Water & Land, I support this bill because it has a holistic approach to protecting watersheds from invasive species and fire, while also benefiting our trails. All these programs are extremely underfunded.

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Jon Katada	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kanalu Sproat	Individual	Oppose	No

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makani	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: This hinders the sustainability of Hawaii.

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Mary Ikagawa	Individual	Support	No

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Matt Hoeflinger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: DLNR IS CLOSING FORESTS ON THE BIG ISLAND.DLNR claims areas on the big island that have always been open are no longer safe. They are arresting members of the public for trespassing on public lands. This is WRONG. Dont give them more money.

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Michael Shimamoto	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michelle Sylvester	Individual	Oppose	No

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Mike Among	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The State forestry or any other agency connected with DLNR has not shown any responsibility to control any portion of evasive plants or grasses in the past 10 years.. Now they are asking for fund to do so? fencing in thousands of acres and killing the anim als with in is not a control.. When I first came to the Big Island and hunted some area you could see for hundred yards plus as the sheep wondered in the area or the game birds walked around. now you lucky if you can see 20 feet. the grasses and vines have covered trees and other brush. There have not been any kind of effort that I have seen to control the evasive vegetation. They only control the hunters and gatherers. They should not have this bill passed. We need more public in put.

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Paul Bueltmann	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tammy Harp	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tim Shindo	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly Oppose.

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Kō Hawai'i leo no nā holoholona lōhiu

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Testimony Submitted to the
House Committee on Water and Land

Hearing: Monday, February 9, 10 am, Room 325

In Support of HB 440 Relating to Natural Resources

Aloha, Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports HB 440, which appropriates funds for land and natural resources. We urge the legislature to appropriate at least \$11 million dollars annually for watershed and forest protection alone. This is a relatively small amount of funding for something as essential to our lives and livelihood as water.

Watersheds are essential to supporting life on these islands, native wildlife and habitats, traditional and customary Hawaiian practices, recreational activities, and the economy. The value of one watershed alone far exceeds the amount we are asking you to appropriate. Most of these lands are administered by the Department of Land and Natural Resources and are ceded land, set aside by the sovereign for Hawai'i's people. But the DLNR has never received enough funding to adequately protect and manage public lands and resources. One percent of the entire state budget for DLNR is not enough to properly manage these lands.

We also urge you to increase the appropriation of \$1.5 million and \$1 million for fire control and forest and outdoor recreation improvement. The amounts in HB 440 are too low when compared to the value, including economic value, of our forests and forest recreation.

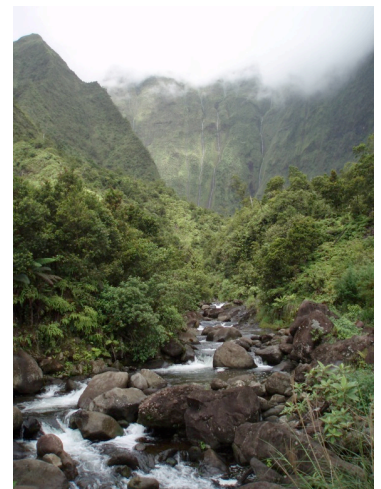
Adequately funding our watersheds, native species habitats, and forested recreation areas on ceded land is one of the most important investments we can make for our people, native wildlife, and economy.

Please kokua. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Ziegler

Marjorie Ziegler



Conservation Council for Hawai'i is a nonprofit, environmental membership organization dedicated to protecting native Hawaiian plants, animals, and ecosystems for future generations. Established in 1950 and based in Honolulu, CCH is one of the largest and most effective wildlife organizations in Hawai'i with more than 5,000 members and supporters, including concerned citizens, educators, scientists, government agencies, and elected officials.

Through research, education, service, organizing, and legal advocacy, CCH works to stop the destruction of native wildlife and wild places in Hawai'i.

Since 1973, CCH has served as the Hawai'i state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation.

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COORDINATING GROUP ON
ALIEN PEST SPECIES

The House of Representatives
Committee on Water & Land
February 9, 2015
10:00 a.m., Conference Room 325
State Capitol

Testimony in Support of HB 440

Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee,

The Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species (CGAPS) **supports HB 440**, *Relating to Land and Natural Resources*, which appropriates funds to support watershed management and the protection of forested areas.

Ever-increasing pressures on watershed and recreational forest lands must be met with increasing budgets to care for these important resources. In addition, changing climate patterns further underscore the importance of DLNR's responsibilities to protect and enhance natural resources.

We respectfully ask your support HB 440. Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,
Christy Martin
CGAPS

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Carlton York	Individual	Oppose	No

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claudia rice	Individual	Oppose	No

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evan obs	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: STRONGLY OPPOSE!

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Lizbeth Guadiz-Franco	Individual	Oppose	No

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nani pogline	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Enough is enough. Hawaii has been overwhelmed with the native only agenda. Bio-control and herbicidal poisonings have devastated our landscape. Our natural resource have been eradicated, regardless of cultural and historical values. Native species continue to decline in the face of tremendous funds being spent. The killing of non-native vegetation has only increased global climate change, carbon levels, temperatures, and the evaporation of water. The killing of wild food resources has only left people with no alternatives.

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