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In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2257
RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT

Senate Bill 2257 proposes to make eligible for membership on a county arborist committee, certified arborists, horticulturists with specialization in trees, and persons who have received a master's degree in botany. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports this measure.**

The intent of this measure is to expand the qualifications for eligible members on the county arborist committees. The current restriction of membership only to landscape architects has made it difficult for some counties to have an active committee. In particular, the proposed addition of certified arborists and horticulturists will provide the county committees with other important skill sets and expertise essential for managing our urban forests.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Piilani Kaawaloa	Aha Moku Advisory Committee	Support	No

Comments: Ex Dir will be at hearing to answer questions if needed. Mahalo.

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Rachel L. Kailianu	Ho`omana Pono, LLC	Oppose	Yes

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Rene Siracusa	Malama O Puna	Support	No

Comments: Malama O Puna is a 501(c)(3) environmental organization based in Puna District on the Big Island. We have been active in our county's exceptional tree ordinance, having made nominations in the past. Unfortunately, our island has only 3 landscape architects, none of whom at this time care to chair the Arborist Advisory Committee. As a result, our island has not had a functioning committee since 2008, and no exceptional trees have been able to be nominated. Furthermore, county agencies such as Parks & Recreation and Public Works have not had an arborist committee to advise them on tree issues. Our county has been in violation of the State ordinance, because the requirement of a landscape architect cannot be met. You have a lot of them on O'ahu, but the neighbor islands don't. Allowing other tree specialists to serve as chair will retain the intent of having a knowledgeable person chairing the committee, while opening up the position to a wider pool of expertise. Please support this so that Hawaii Island can once again have the benefit of an Arborist Advisory Committee. Mahalo.

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Barbara Barry	Individual	Support	No

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