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Testimony in Support of SB3065 Ka'ena Point Protection

Senate Committee on Water Land & Agriculture
Monday February 8, 2016 10:00 am

Aloha Chair Gabbard and Committee Members:

I write on behalf of our current board members in support of Senate Bill 3065. We truly appreciate the initiative everyone has taken to bring attention to such a valuable resource. The area we know as Kaena includes a State Park, a Natural Area Reserve and additional State unencumbered lands. We also applaud the recent efforts that the State has taken to manage this wahi pana with sensitivity to all users, the cultural and historical features and its precious flora and fauna. But we as community members also recognize the fact that it hasn't been enough. Many of us in the community have consistently agreed that without the ability to enforce the rules set in place all these efforts fall short of their original intent.

The Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement have the daunting task of protecting our sensitive natural areas both marine and terrestrial. Recognizing that Kaena is a place at risk and in need of added attention; dedicated and more focused enforcement is necessary. Your bill begins the dialogue to put this action in place. We also know that educational and outreach efforts will set in place expectations for all users and visitors.

The Friends of Kaena was formed over eight years ago because we felt the community needed a voice. We sat on the Kaena Point Advisory Group and helped guide the State in their efforts to manage this sensitive area. Since then we have involved hundreds of residents and visitors alike in stewardship of Kaena through beach clean ups, interpretive hikes and landscape restoration activities. We will continue in this role to make sure that a bill like this can evolve and move forward into action. We humbly ask our Senators to follow your lead and protect the place we love so much.

Aloha 'Aina; Malama 'Aina

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bill Quinlan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this important legislation to help protect Kaena Point, one of our few remaining Hawaiian treasures.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William J Aila Jr.	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: We support passage of sb 3065. Kaena Point State Park and Natural Area Reserve is a very special place that deserves additional protection. DLNR has historically been underfunded. DOCARE is also under funded. This bill would create a funding source and apply it to a designated area of concern. Recent killing of Mole or Layan Albatross is a clear example of the need. Please pass sb 3065, Mahalo for your positive consideration. William and Melva Aila.

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